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TERRORISTS HIJACK BUS

33 Ashkelon-bound passengers held hostage near Rafah

By DAVID APPEL
and DAVID FRIEDMAN
Itim Reporters

A No. 300 Egged bus carrying 41 passengers yesterday evening was hijacked by five terrorists while travelling from Tel Aviv to Ashkelon.
Pursuing soldiers shot out the bus's tires and brought it to a halt near Deir al-Balah in the Gaza District. An unknown number of passengers were reported wounded during the hijacking.
The terrorists, who were armed, forced

the driver to head south toward the Gaza District. During the takeover, several passengers reportedly were wounded.

Near Deir al-Balah, soldiers manning a roadblock shot out the tires of the bus, bringing it to a halt. The IDF closed the area and hospitals in Ashkelon and Beersheba were alerted.

Eight persons escaped through the bus windows. One of them, a woman, was taken to hospital with light wounds.
The bus had crashed through several

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roadblocks between Ashkelon and Deir al-Balah, 15 kilometres south of Gaza on the road to El-Arish.

Another report said soldiers riding in a command car in pursuit of the hijacked bus shot out its tires. The bus swerved off the road and into a ditch, coming to rest leaning on its side.

A number of the remaining passengers in the bus were reported to be wounded,

although the number reported varied from three to eight. About 20 Magen David Adom ambulances had arrived near the scene by late evening.

Three Magen David Adom ambulances travelling to the scene reportedly were involved in a collision with an IDF vehicle.

Reinforced units of the IDF and police set up roadblocks throughout the Gaza District and the road south from Ashkelon was sealed. Many helicopters were observed flying south to the area of

the incident. Gaza District towns were reported to be unusually quiet, with hardly a person seen on the streets.

The bus hijacking was the first hostage-taking incident since March 1978, when a dozen Palestinian terrorists seized two buses of Israeli vacationers near Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael south of Haifa. The terrorists forced the passengers into a single bus and drove south towards Tel Aviv, where in a shootout that came to be known as the Coastal Road Massacre, 35 Israelis and nine terrorists were killed.

14 Labour MKs overcome election hurdle but two fail

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Fourteen of the Labour Party's veteran Knesset members last night got past the 60 per cent barrier, which makes them eligible for a place on the Alignment list to the July elections. But two party members, Tamar Eshel and Yehzekel Zakai, will not appear on the list because they failed to get the backing of 60 per cent minimum of Labour's central committee.

Those who succeeded include former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who won the strongest backing — 88 per cent; Party secretary Haim Bar-Lev (84 per cent); former

minister Gad Ya'acobi (85 per cent); and former foreign minister Abba Eban (71 per cent).
Labour Party dove Yossi Sarid got 69 per cent.

Those who got through by a close vote were Tel Aviv branch chairman Elihu Speiser (60.03 per cent), Jacques Amir (62 per cent) and Micha Harish (63 per cent).

Last night's balloting was held in accordance with a 1977 party rule that a Knesset member who has served two or more terms must win at least 60 per cent support in the central committee to be a candidate for inclusion on the party list.

About 90 per cent of the committee.
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A well-wisher greets Ariel Sharon at the ballot box yesterday evening. (IP PA)

Premier: It won't affect my plans for next cabinet

Sharon amasses 42% of Herut vote, Shamir 56

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir last night won Herut's nomination for the premiership. But his rival, Minister-without-Portfolio Ariel Sharon, surprised nearly everyone by winning 42.7 per cent of the vote at the party's central committee meeting.

Shamir got 407 votes (56.14 per cent) out of 725 valid ballots. Sharon got 306, and attorney Arye Chertok got eight. Four votes were blank. The vote at the Fair Grounds

was perceived by many as setting Sharon firmly in a powerful party position. He has frequently complained of not being given enough responsibility in the government, and last night's vote apparently gives him a stronger argument for increased power within the Likud. But several senior party members told *The Jerusalem Post* the results do not mean Sharon is automatically No. 2 in Herut. They noted, for example, that Deputy Premier David Levy was not in the running yesterday. Deputy Agriculture Minister

Michael Dekel, a key Shamir supporter, insisted that the raising of members within the party will be made when the Knesset list is formed. This was confirmed when Shamir announced that Levy will head the party's campaign team for the elections.

When the vote was announced and Sharon walked in, surrounded by bodyguards, virtually all of the central committee members stood and cheered. Many climbed on their chairs and chanted: "Arik! (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

NEWS ANALYSIS/Sarah Honig

Sharon success weakens PM

TEL AVIV. — Herut had cause to be shocked last night. Ariel Sharon's position in the party was considerably bolstered, while both Prime Minister Shamir and his deputy, David Levy, suffered serious setbacks.

Sharon's success proved that he is a force to be reckoned with and can now even vie with Levy for the No.2 position in the party hierarchy.

Despite the ardent wish of the rest of the party leadership to

banish him to a political corner, it will now be impossible to exclude Sharon from the leadership, much less to ignore him.

Since Sharon has proved popular with the party's grassroots but not with the leadership, Herut can expect Sharon to be a potential troublemaker during the election campaign if his ambitions in Herut continue to be frustrated.

Sharon is assumed to have received the vote of 10 per cent of

the committee members who belong to his Shomron grouping, as well as those of a variety of party malcontents, and some members of the Levy camp who are Sharon admirers and who felt safe voting for the former defence minister since there was no chance of a Shamir defeat.

Some members of the Herut Central Committee who defected to
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Abu Jihad threatens more PLO attacks

AMMAN (AFP). — Yasser Arafat's deputy Khalil Wazir (Abu Jihad) said in an interview with the Jordanian newspaper *A-Dustour* that the PLO will take numerous actions in the near future against "the enemy, who understands only the language

of force." Wazir also said that PLO chairman Arafat will visit Moscow soon, at the invitation of the Supreme Soviet. Wazir said relations between the PLO and the Soviet Union are good.

One killed, four wounded in South Lebanon ambush

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — A Lebanese civilian was killed and four Israeli soldiers were wounded in South Lebanon yesterday when a parked car exploded as an Israeli Defence Forces patrol passed by. The ambush occurred near the village of Deir al-Kanoun, 10 kilometres east of Tyre.

The four soldiers were given first

aid on the spot and taken to Ramat Hospital in Haifa.

Yesterday's incident was the first time in several months that terrorists have used booby-trapped vehicles against IDF patrols in South Lebanon.

Light-weapon fire was opened yesterday morning at an IDF position near Sarafand, on the Lebanese coastal road. The Israelis returned fire.

Herut wants final say on Liberal candidates

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Herut wants veto power over Liberal nominees for the Likud slate of Knesset candidates.

Liberal leaders will hear this from Herut representatives this morning when the two sides meet for the first time to discuss Herut's demand to amend the 1965 Gahal Agreement that determined the ratio of Herut to Liberal Knesset members. Herut will make it plain that veto power is their minimum demand.

The Liberals' presidium will meet before the conference with Herut to formulate a common response to the Herut demands.

The Liberals did not react last night, but it is believed that at first they will put up "a brave fight" against Herut demands. They may, however, eventually settle for a face-saving formula to avoid Herut's tougher demands that Liberal representation on the list be reduced.

Herut's delegation will include
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Burg, Hammer to head NRP

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira late last night brought about an agreement in the National Religious Party whereby Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Education and Culture Minister Ze'evulun Hammer will head the party's list in the coming Knesset elections.

Reporting this, Israel Television's midnight newscast said that former Tehiya Knesset member Hanan Porat, a leader of the Gush Emunim segment, had not decided what to do in the wake of the above development.

But there is still "almost no

hope" of unifying all splinters of the national-religious camp, according to sources in the NRP and its possible partners in Gush and Mitzad.

The chances are that this sector will have at least two separate parties in July — the old NRP and the new Orot, composed of Knesset member Haim Druckman's Matzad and Gush Emunim.

The pessimistic outlook was heightened by a conference late yesterday between Druckman and Porat on one side and Rabbi Shapira on the other side. Shapira's proposals were reportedly totally unacceptable to Porat and Druckman.

Jan.-March trade gap drops

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

A large increase in industrial exports during the first quarter of the year made possible a 10 per cent drop in the country's merchandise trade deficit compared with the same period last year. Imports increased slightly during the first quarter.

Figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics showed that during the first three months of 1984, the deficit totalled \$640 million, compared with \$714m. in January-March 1983. Exports of goods totalled \$1,396m., while imports totalled \$2,036m.

Most of the decrease in the trade deficit took place in January. Since then there has been a slight increase in its level. Last month the deficit totalled \$200m., compared with \$195m. in March 1983.

The deficit increased last month despite a 8.5 per cent increase in exports, which totalled \$542m. in March, compared with \$500m. in the same month last year. Imports, on the other hand, increased from \$693m. in March 1983 to \$743m. last month.

Agricultural exports remained stable at \$221m. in the first three months of 1984 (\$218m. in January-March 1983). But citrus exports continued to fall, totalling \$91m. last quarter, compared with \$99m. in the same period last year.

Diamond exports rose from \$265m. in January-March 1983 to \$277m. this year, a 4 per cent increase.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Sharav, haze, strong winds. Sandstorms in the South. Sharav will end in the afternoon or early evening.
Outlook for Sabbath: Partly cloudy, cooler, higher humidity.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	40	10-16	21
Golan	40	10-16	21
Nahariya	40	10-16	21
Safad	40	10-16	21
Haifa Port	40	10-16	21
Tiberias	40	10-16	21
Naqurah	40	10-16	21
Afula	40	10-16	21
Shomron	40	10-16	21
Tel Aviv	40	10-16	21
B-G Airport	40	10-16	21
Jericho	40	10-16	21
Gaza	40	10-16	21
Beer Sheva	40	10-16	21
Eilat	40	10-16	21

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor entertained the president of the Bolivian Senate, Dr. Julio Garrat Aillon, and Senator Mario Rolon-Anaya at luncheon yesterday.

A chemistry laboratory named in memory of Louis Mincer of Johannesburg was dedicated yesterday at the Tel Hai Regional College in Upper Galilee, in the presence of family members from Israel and overseas, representatives of the United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod, and the college faculty. The laboratory was established through a bequest by the late Mr. Mincer.

ARRIVALS

Herschel W. Blumberg, Chairman, Board of Trustees, United Jewish Appeal, on UJA business.



Tat-Aluf (Brigadier-General) Zion Masuri (above) has been appointed chief of staff of the Israel Defense Forces, replacing Tat-Aluf Rami Dotan, who has retired after 31 years' active service. (IDF)

Anghelovici accused released on bail

REHOVOT (Itim). — David Ehrenfeld and Meir Agassi, charged with removing the remains of Tereza Anghelovici from her grave in the Rishon LeZion cemetery, were yesterday released on \$100,000 bail. The Rehovot Magistrates Court ordered that the pair report to the Rehovot police daily, except on the Sabbath and other Jewish holy days.

They had previously been ordered detained until the end of their trial.

Defence attorney Yitzhak Hezroni, who requested the release, told the three-judge bench that conditions surrounding the men's detention had changed. He contended that the evidence that witnesses had given in court contradicted what they had told the police.

HOME NEWS

Labour's promises to others cause concern in Mapam

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mapam leaders yesterday demanded that Labour undertakings to "outsiders" not be at the expense of Mapam candidates to the Eleventh Knesset.

A delegation of Mapam leaders conferred with Labour chairman Shimon Peres yesterday morning amid mounting apprehension that Mapam candidates may be moved to relatively "unsafe" slots because of promises to guarantee seats to Knesset members elected on other lists to the Tenth Knesset.

Among these are MKs Yitzhak Peretz and Amnon Linn. They entered the Knesset in 1981 on the Likud list but crossed the lines in a move that at the time threatened

the government. Another question mark in Labour is whether MK Mordechai Ben-Porat, who entered the Tenth Knesset on the late Moshe Dayan's Tefim list, will also run on the Alignment ticket.

Mapam's leaders also feel uneasy that Labour has decided against a shadow government prior to the elections. It has always been Mapam's practice to choose its candidates for cabinet jobs before the elections, with candidate ministers then not allowed to run for the Knesset on the Alignment list. In 1981 Chaika Grossman and Eliezer Ronnen were chosen as ministerial candidates and remained both without portfolios and Knesset seats.

Bach: Sharon TV interview violated Elections Law

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former defence minister Ariel Sharon's appearance on Israel Television's Moked interview programme Wednesday night violated the Elections Law because of its electioneering aspects, the chairman of the Central Elections Committee for the Eleventh Knesset, Justice Gavriel Bach, said yesterday.

In a statement to the press, Bach complained that Broadcasting Authority director Uri Porat "should have foreseen that the nature of the programme's topic — why Sharon had put forth his candidacy for the leadership of Herut — and the list of questions prepared by the interviewers meant that Sharon's appearance would inevitably lead to electioneering."

Bach asked the Broadcasting

Authority to be more careful in the future.

In his letter to Porat, Bach wrote that although the interviewers repeatedly tried to draw Sharon away from campaign rhetoric, "it should have been clear that such electioneering would be inevitable in view of the subject of the interview, which was so closely related to the forthcoming elections."

Bach said that cabinet members could be interviewed between now and the 30 days immediately preceding the elections, if the interview or the minister's statement is connected with a news event such as a change in the security situation or new economic measures.

Bach added that since this was the first violation of the law so far, he would let it pass with only a letter of complaint. But, he warned, the Broadcasting Authority bears full responsibility for the violation.

Shamir can't drink his tea because of many well-wishers

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was unable to drink his lemon tea yesterday evening because Herut Central Committee members were pushing through the throng of photographers to shake his hand and wish him well.

Shamir's rival, Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon, meanwhile, ambled through the hall, occasionally shaking the hands of supporters.

A festive atmosphere pervaded the Congress Hall at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds as about 850 Committee members chose their party's candidate for prime minister.

No one knows for certain how many committee members there ac-

tually are. Avraham Shechterman, the committee chairman, said there are "about 854," but he was not sure. The list has not been updated since 1979.

Minutes after voting started at 5 p.m., cameramen crowded around the polling booth for those whose family name begins with the letter "shin."

Sharon seemed to know his chances of beating Shamir were poor. Earlier, he smilingly approached an old acquaintance, saying he was sure he would have that person's support. The man later said "Sharon's face fell" when he told him he would vote for Shamir. "Had I known he would take it that badly, I would have tied to him," he added.

'Vote could benefit Labour'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Labour Party leaders last night reacted with concern and a degree of satisfaction to Ariel Sharon's unexpected success in the Herut central committee vote.

Party secretary-general Haim Bar-Lev said Sharon's popularity in Herut could help the Labour Alignment in the Knesset elections, since his political come-back would make it easier to draw a clear distinction between Israel's two major political camps.

MK Gad Ya'acobi expressed concern that the wide support for

Sharon in Herut was proof of the radicalization of the Likud, which could pose a danger to Israeli society. He feared this radical trend could have an impact on the campaign in manifestations of violence even worse than those experienced in the 1981 elections campaign.

Alignment Knesset faction chairman Moshe Shabai said the vote proved that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir did not enjoy the support of the majority of his party, since many of those who had voted for him were actually supporters of Deputy Prime Minister David Levy.

Girl, 4, returns home with new kidney

BE'ER YA'ACOV (Itim). — Four-year-old Rahel Yifrah returned home yesterday after a year-long stay in the U.S., where a kidney was transplanted in her.

The family of Zion Yifrah went to New York last April to seek a kidney for Rahel, who was suffering from acute double renal failure. At

that time, such operations were not performed for children of her age in Israel.

New York City councilman Noah Dear organized a public appeal for the operation, which raised \$150,000. The surgery was performed at the Albert Einstein Medical Centre, a team headed by Dr. Ira Greiffer.

LABOUR MKS

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tee's 1,150 members participated in the vote. Voting began shortly after 5 p.m. in 10 polling booths in the crowded Ohel Shem Hall here. Committee members voted for or against each of the 16 MKs individually. Abstentions were not taken into account when the 60 per cent was calculated.

Voting ended shortly after 7 p.m., but the results were announced at 11 p.m.

Most committee members left the hall after voting and only some 200 were present when the results were announced.

Before the voting began, the central committee admitted MKs Amnon Linn and Yitzhak Peretz — both of whom crossed the House from the Likud during the last Knesset — and several dozen of their associates to its ranks. However, these new members were not allowed to vote. Many committee members protested against the inclusion of

what appeared to be a new faction in the party.

Tension was high in the hall during the counting. Rumours spread that several of the MKs were in trouble, but the ballot counting going on behind closed doors was overshadowed by the news of the bus hijacking and of the vote in the Herut central committee.



Former President Yitzhak Navon is the centre of attention at the Labour Party's "60% barrier" meeting in Tel Aviv last night. (UPPA)

Not certain that 3 MKs will qualify for pensions

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor does not accept as final the action by the House Committee last week designed to ensure pensions to three members who otherwise might lose out because of the early elections.

He told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he intends to ask committee chairman Eitan Livni on Sunday to reopen the subject at a meeting to be held during the Knesset recess.

Constitution, Legislation and Law Committee chairman Eliezer Kulas (Likud-Liberals), one of the three potential beneficiaries of the House Committee's decision, has already asked Livni for a review of the matter. But the reason for his request differs from Savidor's.

Under the pension rules previously adopted by the House Committee, a Knesset member who is not re-elected is entitled to a pension if he meets two conditions — he has served at least four years and on the date he ceases to be a Knesset member he is aged 40 or over.

Article 2(a) adds that if the Knesset is dissolved before its time, it shall be deemed — for the purpose of paying a pension to an MK who served in that Knesset from the start and was not re-elected — to have lasted a full four years.

What the House Committee did on April 4 was to declare that an MK who would have been 40 at the normal end of the Knesset's term, but who will be under 40 on the earlier dissolution date, shall be deemed to have reached age 40 for the purpose of pension entitlement. (He will, however, begin to receive the pension only in the month following his 40th birthday.)

The other two MKs who will benefit from the change — if they are not elected to the Eleventh Knesset — are Ehud Olmert and David Magen. (At first it was thought that Moshe Katsav was a

potential beneficiary, but it emerged that he will reach 40 in December 1985, i.e., too young to qualify even on the normal dissolution date.)

Of the three, Kulas's re-election prospects are considered extremely shaky. Apart from the general uncertainty of how things will shape up among the Liberals, Kulas was No. 36 on the Likud list last time, while Magen was 30 and Olmert 26. Kulas told *The Post* yesterday he had "not been involved" in initiating the action. He refused to answer other questions, saying his mind was on the Liberals' campaign efforts, but that he would be glad to do so when the Knesset reconvenes on May 14.

But two House Committee members say Kulas actively lobbied among them to support the change.

Alignment members of the House Committee, led by Moshe Shabai, supported the pension amendment. The explanation making the rounds is that by "taking care" of Kulas, they wanted to ensure that he, as Law Committee chairman, would have no personal interest in holding up the early-election bill.

Kulas misses the boat by only a few days. In fact, he told at least one reporter that by the Jewish calendar he doesn't need the amendment to qualify for a pension.

But yesterday Kulas told *The Post* that the reason he wants the House Committee to reconsider is that the whole amendment is superfluous, being already covered by Article 2(a).

Savidor says he wants to learn who initiated the amendment. He thinks a distinction should be made between an employee who quits his job to run for the Knesset, has no additional earnings and has no job to go back to (this would presumably cover Kulas, who was senior adviser to Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patti) and an MK who has his own office and additional income (presumably Olmert).

SHARON GETS 42%

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Arik! Sharon's press adviser, Uri Dan, remarked that "13 months ago I said on television that whoever didn't want Sharon as defence minister would get him via the democratic process as prime minister. Tonight is a step in that direction." Shamir seemed solemn when the vote was announced, and Levy also appeared grim. One of Levy's aides said that "the whole movement doesn't look well" because of this vote.

Nevertheless, Shamir, Sharon and Levy made a display of unity. Sharon called for a show of hands to choose Shamir as candidate for prime minister unanimously.

Shamir later thanked Sharon, adding: "I hope these words open a new chapter. We will have cooperation and unity in the camp. We will all work to win the election."

Shamir also called for not sharpening the differences with the other components of the Likud, a reference for demands within Herut to break ties with the Liberals. "Our

partners, the Liberals, went with us a long way, which has brought Israel terrific gains. To the extent that issues have to be clarified, we will do that with respect, mutual understanding and with speed, because there is no time to be lost. "As of tomorrow, we shall all stand together for the real contest — for the voters' confidence and trust," he said.

Interviewed on Israel Radio shortly after the vote last night, Shamir said: "The results have no special significance. I've received the full confidence of the central committee. The majority is what counts."

Shamir told his interviewer that if chosen as prime minister after the July elections, he will pick his cabinet "on the basis of the national interest and the qualifications of the candidates."

Levy refused to be interviewed. Levy and Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orlag left the meeting hall shortly after the results were announced.

Austria launches fresh Mideast peace effort

VIENNA. — Austrian Foreign Minister Erwin Lang, who leaves Vienna tomorrow for a tour of five Arab states, said yesterday that his country was planning new initiatives aimed at helping to resolve the Middle East conflict.

"We think it is time to reactivate the Middle East policy of former chancellor Bruno Kreisky and I think the time now is favourable for such action," Lang told a news conference.

He said this subject would be prominent in talks with Arab leaders during his 10-day official tour of Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait. But he added it would be unwise to give details on what Austria planned to do in the near future.

"We have a special relationship with the Arab countries and the Palestinians, mainly thanks to

Kreisky, and we are obviously interested in peace in this region as well as in humanitarian problems connected with the permanent warfare there. But talking too much could spoil things," Lang said.

Former chancellor Kreisky has been actively involved in Middle East affairs since the early 1970s, heading three fact-finding missions from the Socialist International seeking a peaceful settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Gideon Patti, the first Israeli trade minister to visit Vienna since 1973, said in a press conference Wednesday that bilateral relations were improving following last year's change in Austrian leadership.

Patti said present Chancellor Fred Sinowatz and he saw the Middle East situation "in the same light," and that Austria considered Israel's right to exist "self-evident." (AP, Reuter)

Summit postponed amid calls to return Syrians to Beirut

BEIRUT (AP). — A much-trumpeted meeting between the presidents of Lebanon and Syria appeared in doubt yesterday amid increased opposition calls for the return of the Syrian Army to enforce peace in Beirut.

Local radio stations and newspapers said the summit, originally set for Wednesday and then delayed to yesterday and later to tomorrow night, is now to be held sometime next week.

The date of the meeting between Lebanese President Amin Gemayel and his Syrian counterpart, Hafez Assad, will be set by contacts among their aides within the next 24 hours, said the independent newspaper *A-Nahar*.

But the leftist *A-Safir*, which is close to opposition leadership, said

the summit would be held only when a cease-fire was firmly in place and warring militias were separated in Beirut and the neighbouring hills.

The principal factions have agreed on a disengagement plan and a timetable for the separation. But no date has yet been set to begin the disengagement, which needs a police and observer force of about 2,000 men.

In Damascus, Druse leader Walid Jumblatt suggested yesterday the return of Syrian forces to Beirut to end the country's nine years of civil war. Gemayel administration sources and Western officials, however, said the return of the Syrians to Beirut is out of the question. "It is absolutely not in the cards," said a Gemayel aide. "The Syrians themselves don't want it."

U.S. student wounded by mine in Golan

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — An American student, Jerry Eward, 20, was wounded yesterday after he stepped on a mine in the Golan Heights. Eward and two other students were hiking from Tel Azaziat in the Golan Heights to Kibbutz Dafna when they entered a Syrian minefield from the Six Day War.

Eward's two friends were unharmed. Eward was given first aid by a doctor from Kibbutz Dan and was taken by ambulance from Kibbutz Shmona to hospital in Safad, where he was said to have "moderate" injuries. Although the old minefield is fenced in, like others in the Golan Heights the warning signs on the fence are written only in Hebrew.

Police: Petah Tikva cinema lacks licence

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). — The police yesterday charged the Heichal Cinema in Petah Tikva with operating without a licence since the beginning of the year. Orthodox groups in the city have been protesting against the cinema's being open on Sabbath Eve.

The police representative, Rav-Pakad Miri Golan, also asked the Petah Tikva Magistrates Court to order the cinema closed until the end of legal proceedings against it.

The date for the hearing on the charges has not been set, but the hearing on the request to close the cinema has been fixed for Sunday before Judge Shlomo Timen.

For the seventh consecutive day, a group of Orthodox held a protest demonstration outside City Hall yesterday. The police have also given the local committee for Sabbath observance a permit to demonstrate tonight outside the cinema.

Refuseniks' relatives jailed for protest

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Three Soviet women have been sentenced to 15 days in jail for "hooliganism" after demonstrating in the Latvian capital Riga against detention of two Jewish relatives, dissident sources said yesterday.

The sources said a friend of the group, arrested nearby, was jailed for 10 days on the same charge. Contacted by telephone, the sources said the women and two of their children held placards aloft outside the state prosecutor's office demanding freedom for refuseniks Zakhar Zunshain and Alexander Balter.

The sources said the men were seized on charges of anti-state activities last month and the authorities had refused requests by their wives for information on their health.

They named the women detained yesterday as Tatyana and Yevgeniya Zunshain, wife and sister of Zakhar, and Pauline and Svetlana Balter, wife and sister of Alexander. The protest lasted eight minutes before police seized the women and their friend, Mikhail Vinager. Yevgeniya Zunshain was released after two hours, and the others were charged.

Three men fined \$5,000 for illegal hunting

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — For hunting protected wild animals, three men from Yirka, near Acre, have each been fined \$5,000 and ordered to deposit \$50,000 as pledge not to repeat the crime during the next two years.

The prosecution told Beersheba Magistrates Court Judge Yeov Katan that in January 1982 the men, Murad Suleiman, Ali Mahmud and Nesim Rial, shot a deer and slaughtered it, and shot down 52 quail, all protected animals.

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Kessar gets nomination to succeed Meshel

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Histadrut Trade Union Department chairman Yisrael Kessar was yesterday nominated as the Labour Party's candidate to succeed retiring Yisrael Rabin. The vote in the party's central committee was unanimous.

The new secretary-general will be chosen on May 15 by the Histadrut Executive, in which Labour has an absolute majority. Kessar's nomination was proposed by the Labour Party political bureau and the party's Histadrut faction.

In presenting the motion, party chairman Shimon Peres said that Kessar's nomination was the first

step toward reviving the country's economy — under a Labour government. "If we get a full mandate from the electorate — and I believe we will — the government and the Histadrut will work together to save the economy," Peres said.

He paid tribute to Meshel, saying that he had acquitted himself with honour during seven hard years of Likud rule. "Meshel has been an excellent representative of the workers, safeguarding the principles of the labour movement," Peres said.

Kessar thanked the members of the central committee for their faith in him, saying: "It is not every day that a democratic party elects a Caesar (Kessar in Hebrew)." He expressed the belief that if Labour won the elections it would "learn from past mistakes" and cooperate closely with the Histadrut.

The economy will not be revived at the expense of the workers, Kessar said. They must be included in any negotiations over their future. "More than anything," Kessar said, "we need to reaffirm our faith in ourselves — and a Labour government will be able to do that."

Kessar received a rousing ovation from the committee and was embraced by former Histadrut secretary-general Yitzhak Ben-Aharon. Meshel did not attend the meeting, having left yesterday morning for a meeting of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in Brussels.



Yisrael Kessar (Harari)

Grupper appoints committee to reallocate farmland

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper has appointed a committee to reallocate the Israel Lands Administration's (ILA) "provisional" land.

These lands have been rented until now on a yearly basis to veteran kibbutzim and moshavim, and the renewal of the rent had turned into an automatic procedure over the years.

"Grupper's decision to reallocate the lands is regarded by the veteran kibbutzim and moshavim as a pre-emptive political maneuver."

Grupper says he took the step because many younger settlements, particularly moshavim, did not have enough land. He said the most hard-pressed moshavim are those in the Ma'aleh Yosef, Tefen, Segov and Ta'anach areas.

The committee is headed by the

Agriculture Ministry Director-General Meir Ben-Meir and includes several high-ranking ministry officials, as well as representatives of the kibbutz and moshav movements.

ILA chief Moshe Lipka recently decided to hold a public tender for rental of 23 dunams of ILA land in Ra'anana designated for a country club. The project was originally planned by the Histadrut. Lipka ruled that since this is government land, equal opportunity should be given to everyone who would like to develop it.

Meanwhile, Grupper has also decided to grant land on the northeast shore of the Kinneret to the Golan regional council. He said the step was intended to help Golan settlements that have had trouble supporting themselves from agriculture, by allowing them to develop tourist projects.

Mossad official given job in W. Bank

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Shmuel Goren, a senior official in the Mossad secret service and a former military attaché in Washington, has been appointed the Defence Ministry's coordinator of activities in the administered territories.

Goren, 50, is reported to have been in charge of several secret operations in the years he worked in the Institute of Intelligence and

Special Operations, popularly known as "the Mossad." He replaces Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, who resigned recently in order to join Ezer Weizman's recently launched Yehad political party.

A former member of the pre-state Hagana and a serving Israel Defence Forces officer, Goren has been loaned to the Defence Ministry and will take up his position within a few days.

Segov birds of prey being counted today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA — Forty teams of Nature Reserves Authority wardens and volunteers will survey Judean Desert and the Negev for nests of birds of prey today and tomorrow, Shmuel Shapira, NRA southern director, said yesterday.

There are eagles, falcons, vultures, buzzards and buzzards in the area.

"This is the fifth annual survey,

and we hope to cover the area with as many people as we can this year to get the best results possible," he said.

The teams went out last weekend and the NRA expects to publish the final tally by the end of the month.

Last week, three young mountain vultures were spotted in a nest near Mitzpe Ramon, and five nests with eaglets were observed in the Zin area.



Metal tableware and cookware are made kosher for Pesach by submerging them in boiling water in Jerusalem's Geula Quarter yesterday. (Elihu Harari)

Wine, Haggadot sent to Jews in Ethiopia

Packages of wine and Haggadot in Amharic have been sent to Jews in Ethiopia by the Absorption Ministry, the ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

Each package is accompanied by

a holiday message from Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan, expressing the wish that Ethiopian Jewry will be able to spend "next year in Jerusalem," in the words of the Haggada.

Pressure on Clal subsidiary to move into 'ghost factory'

By LIOA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MITZPE RAMON. — Although the visit was on his itinerary last Tuesday, President Chaim Herzog did not visit Mitzpe Ramon's "ghost factory" — the hydraulics plant on which The Jerusalem Post reported on March 23.

The Post has learned that the plant may soon be taken over by a large concern.

"Peter Thomas, the plant's manager, is now in Europe and I doubt that he'll ever return," said Meir Ben-Gigi, head of the local labour council. "He tricked us with old, incomplete machines and never brought any jobs to the town."

Moni Lerer, aide to Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Peas, in charge of development towns, told The Post that both the ministry and the Defence Ministry are pressuring Ordan Industries, a subsidiary of the giant Clal group, to place an installation in Mitzpe Ramon and possibly also take over the hydraulic plant. The installation would make parts for the new Merkava tank.

The ministry yesterday also approved a plastics factory for Yehoram, which will take over the machines and personnel of a plastics plant that recently went out of business.

'Destructive' gov't policies lambasted by Clal director

By PINHAS LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — It is almost impossible to produce an accurate statement of a company's results, given the hyper-inflationary conditions affecting the economy. The on-going inflation and ill-conceived government policies are endangering the industrial future of the country.

These were among the main points made yesterday by Aharon Dovrat, managing director of Clal (Israel) Ltd., when he presented the group's financial report for 1983.

Clal is the largest conglomerate in the private sector, with holdings in industry, trade, finance and construction. Its largest shareholders are Bank Hapoalim and Bank Discount and its own shares and those of several of its subsidiaries

are traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

The published report shows the balance sheet growing by almost 200 per cent in nominal terms, from IS24 billion to IS68.3b., while net profits after taxes rose 34 per cent to 3.1b. The rate of inflation in 1983 was 175 per cent. Inflation-adjusted profits, calculated in accordance with advisory opinion No. 23 of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants, slumped by 91 per cent, from IS795m. to IS69m.

The total value of the group's exports increased from \$160m. to \$179m. Investments also grew in dollar terms, up some 30 per cent to \$95m.

Dovrat was scathing in his criticism of government policies, which he says undermine the future of the economy.

IDF silent on colonel's 'I Accuse'

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV — Authoritative sources in the Defence Ministry and the Israel Defence Forces yesterday refused to comment on an accusation that an attempt has been made to hush up events during the Lebanon war which cost the lives of 40 soldiers.

The accusation was made by Sheli leader and a reserve colonel, Ran Cohen, who served with the Paratroop division that fought in Lebanon. He published his accusations in yesterday's *Haaretz*.

In an article entitled *Ani Ma'asim* (I Accuse), Cohen said that following the first cease-fire in Lebanon in June 1982, then defence minister Ariel Sharon arrived at the division's headquarters south of the

Beirut-Damascus road and ordered its commanders to move northwards. Cohen said the move was made without "any strategic justification" or proper advance planning and that it cost the lives of 23 soldiers.

In August 1982, Sharon ordered his troops to push to West Beirut's el-Ozza quarter and the International Airport there. In a briefing on the eve of the operation, Sharon gave explicit orders not to involve the Air Force or the artillery in the operation without his explicit approval, Cohen said.

Israeli soldiers were subsequently caught in an artillery "trap" from which they could have been extricated only with artillery or air support, but Sharon could not be found to give the order, Cohen

charged. Seventeen soldiers were killed then, he added.

According to Cohen, it is now "clear beyond doubt that these serious occurrences... were not investigated by the authorized bodies in the Defence Ministry and the IDF" and that a "mysterious hand" is blocking a thorough investigation.

Asked for his comment, Sharon told *The Post*: "I have nothing to do with such nonsense."

Asked to comment, a military spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post*: "We are not involved." He referred the paper to the Defence Ministry.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said that if there is a "mysterious hand," Cohen should identify it. The events described were military moves and "the Defence Ministry doesn't investigate such matters."

Slain woman identified as Jlem prostitute

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police needed nearly 48 hours to identify the woman, whose stabbed and bruised body was discovered after midnight Monday in the wooded area between the Augusta Victoria Hospital and the Hebrew University's Mt. Scopus campus.

She was identified yesterday as Levana Karsanti, a 28-year-old prostitute.

While the body was taken to the Institute of Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir, detectives began their investigation by examining the files of missing women between the ages of 20 and 30. At the same time, they questioned known prostitutes

in Jerusalem and elsewhere.

The passerby who found the body didn't know anything about the case.

Inspector Moshe Ariel, appointed to head the special investigation, coordinated the inquiry.

From Abu Kabir at mid-day Wednesday came the coroner's report: "Death from stab wounds in the back and neck. The woman bled to death."

Then, on Wednesday afternoon, it was learned that a prostitute from Jerusalem's Shmuel Hanavi area had not been seen by her friends for 24 hours. An underworld figure tried approaching the police

discreetly to ask if they had seen the same woman.

Karsanti had left her parents' home in Acre several years ago. She had been divorced and had no children. She lived in Tel Aviv but worked in Jerusalem. She was overweight and not very attractive.

Her customers, police sources said, tended to be either Arabs or Orthodox Jews. She had been arrested a few times but never jailed for a long period.

Her parents were informed Wednesday night, and a relative identified the body Wednesday evening.

The police investigation into her death continues.

'Turkish Connection' slayer gets life in jail

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Shmaya Angel

was convicted by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday of the 1981 murder of suspected heroin couriers Shulamit Sheli and Michel Nahmias. He was sentenced to life in prison.

His wife, Sarah ("Shmulik") Angel, was acquitted of the same charges for reasonable doubt.

Shmaya Angel is to stand trial soon for the murder of the third accused in the courier killings, Haim Shushan, who was stabbed to death in his cell in the high-security wing of Ramle Prison last November the day before he was to testify.

The nearly four-month-long trial, in which some 80 witnesses testified, brought to an end what came to be known as the "Turkish Connection" case. It began with the March 1981 arrest at Ben-Gurion Airport of Hagit Waldman, who was delivering 1,067 grams of heroin from Turkey. Waldman was later convicted of smuggling and then pardoned.

Nahmias and Sheli were suspected of having recruited Waldman to the gang, which was headed by Shmaya Angel. The court yesterday found Angel guilty of murdering them in an apparent

attempt to prevent them from leading the police to himself.

Judges Elihu Vinograd, Avraham Meisler and Edna Shatzky ruled that Shmaya Angel's guilt was "unequivocal." The judges determined that, although Sarah Angel "was intricately aware of what was going on," sufficient doubt remained as to her actual guilt.

When his sentence was read, Shmaya Angel turned to the bench and said: "You can give me the death penalty. When your conscience is more quiet, give me the death penalty."

Five indicted for murder of Danny Katz

HAIFA (Itim). — The district court

yesterday indicted five men for the murder last December of Haifa schoolboy Danny Katz.

The accused are: Atef Sabihi, 26, and Ahmed Kuzli, 29, both of the Beduin village Wadi al-Ain, near Tirat Carmel; Samir Janana, 27, Fathi Janana, 19, and Ali Janina, 20, all from the Lower-Central Galilee village of Sakhrin. Sabihi worked as a guard at a construction site in the Danya neighbourhood where the victim lived, the other four suspects worked at the Danya Superol.

District Attorney Lili Burishansky accused the five of conspiring on December 7 to kidnap and to murder Katz, 14.

The indictment states that the five cruised the Danya neighbourhood in a pickup truck, looking for a victim. They are accused of forcing the boy into a truck, beating him with their fists, stuffing a rag in his mouth, tying his hands and transporting him to a nearby construction site.

There, the charge sheet states, they tied a rope around his neck and strangled him. After he was dead, the prosecution states, four of the accused committed sodomy on his body.

The prosecution states that the accused then hid the body in the

neighbourhood until the next day, when the three suspects from Sakhrin took it to a cave near Moshav Ya'ad in Lower Galilee, where it was found by a shepherd on the fourth day after the boy's disappearance.

The five suspects are to be brought today before the district court for a remand hearing. The prosecution intends to ask they be held until the end of their trial, during which 105 witnesses are to be called to testify.

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In 1980 the Denburgs were honored for their concern, dedication, and involvement in local and Israeli humanitarian needs at a citywide tribute in Miami Beach. On that occasion they were awarded the Shaare Zedek Jerusalem Founders' Award.

Besides being an active Board member, Selma Denburg was honored in 1982 by the South Florida Women's Committee for many years of extraordinary service to the Shaare Zedek Medical Center. Selma Denburg has served these past two years as President of the Committee.

For reservations (\$75 Donation per Couple — \$40 per person) to the Denburg Theatre-Supper with "Benson" call 02-555434 or 555432 between 8.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m., and Hol Hamoed between 8.00 a.m. - 12 noon.

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Observers 'impressed' by Egyptian war games

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt's military completed its second major maneuvers in two weeks yesterday with a mock tank-infantry assault supported by live fire from artillery as well as U.S., Soviet and French-built aircraft.

Defense Minister Field Marshal Abdel-Halim Abu-Ghazala, who viewed the exercise from a desert hill some 100 kilometres east of Cairo, told reporters the joint operation showed Egypt's armed forces in a "very good" state of readiness.

Western defence attaches, who also witnessed the final stage of the exercises, said they were also impressed by the performance. They refused to be identified by name or nationality.

The five-day maneuvers involved combat and support elements of the Egyptian Second and Third Armies as well as air force units, and took place in the desert between Cairo and the Red Sea port of Suez.

They ended one week after completion of another five-day exercise near the western border with Libya in which army, navy and air force units participated.

Egyptian officials refused to disclose how many troops took part in the two operations, which they termed "part of the annual training programme of the armed forces."

But the maneuvers appeared to take on special significance in view of new strains in relations with Libya, with whom Egypt has been at odds for more than a decade and with whom the Egyptians fought a brief border war in 1977.

In remarks to reporters following the exercise, however, Abu-Ghazala denied that Egypt had strengthened its forces along the Libyan border and scoffed at the suggestion that the recent maneuvers were a "signal" to Libya.

"We don't send any message to anybody," Abu-Ghazala said. "We are training our forces to be ready to repel any aggressor."

Abu-Ghazala confirmed that this year's exercise featured night flights by Egyptian tactical aircraft.

Low-flying jets have streaked across the skies over Cairo for the past two nights, rattling windows in repeated sorties over the heart of the capital.

Challenger 'picks up, repairs, delivers'

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP). — Challenger's astronauts returned a healthy Solar Max satellite to space as an orbiting sun watcher yesterday, and the shuttle's skipper declared, "Satellite servicing is something that's here to stay."

"We pick up, repair and deliver," said Commander Robert Crippen, obviously pleased with the historic first retrieval and repair of a satellite in space.

The satellite was dropped off at 0926 GMT by the shuttle's 15 metre mechanical arm, which had plucked it from space on Tuesday for in-orbit repairs. Two of Challenger's crew replaced defective parts during a record space walk on Wednesday.

"Solar Max is dead on the sun," said mission control in reporting the satellite had a firm lock on its target after a television picture showed it drifting slowly away from the shuttle.

"Good news," said Crippen. "It looks pretty good there."

After more than three years of circling the globe as dead weight, Solar Max was back to provide valuable information on giant solar

flares that pour torrents of radiation into interplanetary space. What scientists learn from the satellite may help them better understand the sun and how it affects weather, radio communications and other conditions on earth.

With the retrieval, repair and return task behind them, the five astronauts were in good spirits when they answered questions from reporters on earth during a 30-minute news conference.

They appeared on television wearing T-shirts with the slogan "We pick up, repair and deliver."

"Welcome to the Ace Satellite Repair Co. We pick up, repair and deliver,"

Asked how he felt about failing to collar Solar Max, on Sunday and then salvaging the mission with a successful capture on Tuesday, Crippen replied: "We were somewhat disappointed on the initial attempt. But we were all feeling good after we picked it. It was a team effort both here and on the ground."

Satellite servicing is something that's here to stay."

Spacewalker George Nelson said he did not know why his docking device failed to lock onto Solar Max when he tried to grab it while flying free on Sunday.

On Tuesday, during the repair task, he detected a possible answer — a small metal pin, used to hold down an insulation blanket, was protruding about three centimetres above the docking pin on the satellite. NASA officials said this metal pin may have prevented Nelson's attachment device from penetrating far enough to trigger a clamping mechanism.

Astronaut Terry Hart reported he had no trouble snatching the slowly spinning Solar Max with the arm on the first attempt Tuesday. "I made the first try as the pin came by the cockpit and I had it after it had rotated just 35 degrees."

Hart said that with practice, an astronaut using the arm should be able to grab faster spinning satellites, such as the two communications payloads that shot into the wrong orbits on a February shuttle mission. NASA is considering plans to salvage them.

Sports

EUROPEAN FOOTBALL

Unfancied Dundee Utd lead way in British rush for glory

LONDON (Reuters). — The prospect of three all-British finals in the European club soccer competitions next month flickered to life after mainly encouraging and sometimes less awesome results on Wednesday night's matches ranging from the northernmost outpost in Scotland across Europe to the shores of Portugal.

Tiny Dundee United — roared on by just 20,000 fans packed into Tannadice Park — led the way, upstaging "old hands" Liverpool in the European Cup with an emphatic 2-0 win over Italy's multi-million dollar side Roma.

The under-rated Scots might have been forgiven a touch of stage fright on their first-ever appearance in European semifinals. But second-half goals from Dave Dodds and Paul Sturrock sealed the greatest night in the club's history and left the Romans with a mountain to climb in the second leg — in 10 days time — if they are to run out at their own stadium on May 30 to contest the final.

Yet, while Dundee fans might be a little hesitant to break out the route maps to Rome, Liverpool supporters are likely to bet at the doors of their nearest travel agent at first light. Winners of the Champions' cup in 1977, 1978 and 1981, Liverpool have been through it all before and duly dismissed the Rumanian champions Dinamo Bucharest 1-0 at Anfield in a bruising clash.

England midfielder Sammy Lee grabbed his side's 34th victory before the Rumanian physical tactics disrupted Liverpool's usual flowing style. But the English League leaders often flourish away from home and are unlikely to be denied another final appearance when they travel to Bucharest.

English defender Alan Hansen was Portugal's Cup Winners Cup final hero when the Scots should have few problems overturning the deficit in the return leg.

Manchester United will find things a little more tricky in Turin, however, after being held to a 1-1 draw by Juventus at Old Trafford. United, without England skipper Bryan Robson and his fellow midfielders Ray Wilkins and Dutchman Arnold Muhren, who were all sidelined with injuries, will surely rue what could have been had they been at full strength.

Italian World Cup hero Paolo Rossi shot Juventus ahead after 14 minutes but United substitute Alan Davies, playing his first game for nearly a year, equalised more than 20 minutes later. Irish striker Frank Stapleton should have netted United's winner midway through the second half but crashed his shot against the bar.

United manager Ron Atherton commented: "I was very satisfied with our performance but I am a bit disappointed because I feel we should have won about 3-1. The miss by Stapleton and our two other chances might have given us the lead. We really showed our character after going goal down, the thing we feared most. It would have been easy to give up but we really relied on ourselves and got on with the job."

"I don't think too many people gave us a prayer but we still got a good chance of going through in Turin."

Nottingham Forest, European champions in 1979 and 1980, look almost certain to reach their UEFA Cup final after a convincing 2-0 win over Scottish side Aberdeen in the first leg.

UEFA Cup: Dundee Utd 2, Roma 0. CUPWINNERS CUP: Manchester United 1, Juventus 1. Porto 1, Aberdeen 0.

UEFA Cup: Hibernian 2, Tottenham 2. Celtic 2, Liverpool 0.

Israel Soccer Preview: Hapoel Tel Aviv appeal denied; Haifa keep underdog flag aloft

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Football Association yesterday turned down the appeal of Hapoel Tel Aviv to have their State Cup quarter final tie tomorrow put off until Tuesday.

The FA decided that six of their first team players were unable to train with the squad all week because they were on National team duty in Israel's tie friendly against Rumania in Europe was insufficient grounds for upsetting the planned schedule.

The four quarter final matches — in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa and Netanya provide (kick-offs at 3 p.m.) the main focus of attention for football fans with all the First and Second Division league games postponed for a week.

Only one Second Division club, Hapoel Haifa, remains in the last eight and Haifa fans will be treated to a plum tie. Maccabi Tel Aviv, last year's beaten finalists, are their visitors. Both last year and this season, the Tel Avivians ousted Maccabi Haifa from the Cup, and now it is the turn of Hapoel to fight

for the port city's honour. After a good run, Hapoel were upset last weekend in a surprise 1-0 defeat in Kiryat Haim by Bnei Haim. It will need a much improved performance on that for Haifa marshalled by Sticker, Azami, and Kaufman to hold the likes of Vicky Peretz, now back in the Tel Aviv team. Mosti Iwanir, Alon Nathan and Avi Cohen.

Bnei Jerusalem return to YMCA and would appear to have a reasonably easy passage to the final, at the expense of visiting Hapoel Haifa. Maccabi Tel Aviv will be a surprise away package from an erratic season to have a harder task at home to the much improved Maccabi Petach Tikva. The Petach Tikva team gave Maccabi Tel Aviv a real fight in their 1-1 draw at Bloomfield last Saturday. Goalscorers Shmuel Gershberg, Rafi Cohen, Elisha Levy and Daniel Radzinsky are in top form and Oded Moshon, Moshe Gorfand, David Pines and Co. will have to produce their best to be sure of a place in the final four.

Hapoel Tel Aviv for their part have been totally unimpressive of late. A report of the display in last week's match was that they were "visiting Hapoel Be'er Sheva's Shalom Arizin and Rafi Eshkol. But when in form all at once Moshe Stiel, Shmuel Levy, Gil London and Yasser Eshkol would have been difficult to beat. Hapoel Be'er Sheva, who would have been difficult to beat, what would Tel Aviv be in tomorrow afternoon?"

Kick-offs are at 3 p.m. with all other action in the top two Divisions postponed a week.

Aussie misery

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (AP). — West Indies scored a massive innings win to clinch the five-match cricket series against Australia here. Two matches ended in a draw and the West Indies have won two Tests. With the victory, the West Indies regained the Frank Worrell trophy they have held since 1978.

FINAL SCORES: Australia 262 and 280; West Indies 404 and 211. WI won by an innings and 36 runs. On the fourth day, Joe Garner, who scored 63, and Malcolm Marshall, three for 51, gave the Australians no hope of recovery. They had been given the task of scoring 234 to avoid innings defeat and the better part of two days to do so.

But they failed miserably, extras (36) ruining the highest score of the innings.

An Arab businessman with a passion for cricket saw his boyhood dream come true with this week's Asia Cup matches in Sharjah, the United Arab Emirates, where camel racing and soccer are the traditional big crowd-pulling sports.

Abdul-Rahman Bukhatir first got for cricket at his school in Pakistan. Now, an unassuming 42-year-old with more than 30 business firms in his control, he has spent a fortune sponsoring the inaugural series of one-day matches between India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka currently under way in the Gulf Sheikdoms.

Cricket has been around the Gulf sports scene for years, played mostly by expatriates to the rules. But this is the first time a full series, offering \$180,000 in prize money, has been staged. India meet Pakistan in today's match. So far nearly 28,000 have watched the three matches played on the specially created grass field.

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China claims high casualties in artillery attack on Vietnam

PEKING (AP). — China said yesterday that its frontier forces killed or wounded large numbers of Vietnamese troops and wrecked hundreds of military installations in heavy shelling.

A dispatch by the official news agency Xinhua said Chinese artillery barrages over the past few days were retaliation for what it called persistent provocations by Vietnamese troops and armed secret service agents.

A diplomat at the Vietnamese embassy in Peking said of the latest Chinese report of intensified hostilities between the communist neighbours "It is nonsense, naturally it is not true." He refused to be identified.

The Xinhua report said that by Wednesday "Chinese frontier guards had destroyed several hundred Vietnamese military instal-

lations, destroyed or seriously damaged several dozen Vietnamese field pieces and military vehicles and killed or wounded large numbers of Vietnamese soldiers."

The fresh outbreak of fighting this month followed weeks of bitter propaganda exchanges between China and Vietnam, who fought a border war in 1979 after Vietnam invaded Kampuchea and toppled the Chinese-backed regime of brutal Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot.

Khmer Rouge guerrillas said yesterday they had occupied a provincial town about 40 kilometres south of Phnom Penh and freed 372 persons held by the Vietnamese in an attack on Sunday. The claim was made in a Khmer Rouge radio broadcast monitored in Bangkok.

Thai military sources could not confirm the Khmer Rouge claim but said that if true, it would be a major victory for the Khmer Rouge.

UK miners reject vote on strike

SHEFFIELD (Reuters). — In a major victory for the left, leaders of Britain's 180,000 coalminers yesterday rejected calls for a national ballot on whether to continue a month-old strike.

Several persons were injured as 1,500 policemen struggled to hold back more than 2,000 miners outside the building where the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) executive met.

Eighty per cent of Britain's 175

miners have been affected by a strike against proposed closure of unprofitable mines.

The NUM president, left-winger Arthur Scargill, said that as 80 per cent of miners were already on strike, there was no question of the NUM changing its policy.

The executive voted 14-10 against holding a national ballot and decided instead to convene a special delegate conference next Thursday.

Iran paid arms dealer, but 'no tanks'

LAUSANNE (AP). — A Swiss federal tribunal decision on Wednesday cleared the way for trying a quartet of arms traders who allegedly cheated Iran out of 90 million Swiss francs (\$41.9 million) in the sale of 50 American-built tanks to be used in the Gulf war. The tanks were never delivered.

The court declined to give formal consideration to a constitutional complaint by the four unnamed defendants, who protested against the refusal by a Zurich court to grant their lawyers access to all files in the proceedings. The information included testimony by Sadegh Tabataba'i, a special envoy and relative of Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Tabataba'i, according to papers presented at the hearing, had signed a contract with the Swiss traders in July 1981 on the sale of the 50 tanks

for a total of 130m. francs (\$60.5m.). In October 1981, after being presented with forged shipping papers, the Iranian paid 90m. francs via a German bank to a Swiss account.

A Swiss inquiry was touched off when the bank alerted police after one of the defendants withdrew 30m. francs (\$14m.) from the account shortly after payment was made. Of the whole amount of 90m. francs, only 29m. were eventually recovered.

Plague and cholera kill 9 in Tanzania

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP). — Outbreaks of bubonic plague and cholera have claimed nine lives in two regions of Tanzania where 308 others have been hospitalized with the deadly diseases, Radio Tanzania reported Wednesday.

India hails return of its first spaceman

NEW DELHI (AP). — India hailed the return to earth of its first spaceman Wednesday and awarded him with a medal of gallantry.

Rakesh Sharma and his two Soviet colleagues landed their Soyuz T-10 spacecraft in central Asia after eight days in orbit, where they spent most of their time aboard the Salyut-7 space station.

"Cosmonaut Rakesh Sharma, welcome back to earth," Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi said in a

congratulatory message. "You have furthered the cause of science and Indo-Soviet friendship. We look forward to meeting in your homeland."

It was announced here that Sharma, a 35-year-old air force squadron leader, would receive the Ashok Chakra medal for gallantry. His Soviet colleagues, Yuri Malyshev and Gennadi Strekalov, will also receive the award, one of India's highest.

Mother Teresa opposes group's fund-raising

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Prize winner for her work with the poor of Calcutta, has filed a complaint with the New York state attorney-general seeking to stop an organization from raising funds in her name.

The complaint alleged that the Foundation of Tribute to Mother

Teresa, a New York-based group, was using her name in soliciting contributions. A group spokesman said the money was to be turned over to Mother Teresa to help her work with the poor.

Mother Teresa's order, the Missionaries of Charity, does not do any fund-raising of its own.

Male nurse to die for murdering 12

RIVERSIDE, California (Reuters). — A male nurse who claimed to possess psychic healing powers and believed in reincarnation was sentenced to death yesterday for murdering 12 patients with overdoses of the heart drug Lidocaine. Robert Diaz, 44, was charged

with the murders after the police investigated the deaths of 28 patients in hospitals near this southern California city.

No clear motive was established for the murders. The victims ranged in age from 52 to 95.

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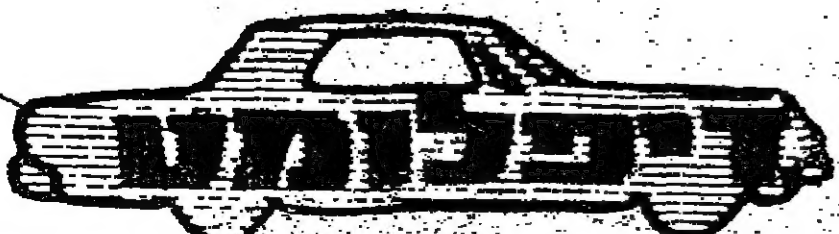


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THE COMMAND structure of Mordechai Gur's election campaign seems very military in structure, at least in its initial stages. Which is certainly in keeping with the army past of Labour's newly named campaign chief.

Everything, Gur said in an interview yesterday, will be designed to peak on July 23, the ex-chief-of-staff's latest D-Day. And just as Gur was picked to take the paratroops into the Old City of Jerusalem in 1967, or as Co-S Gur named Aluf Dan Shomron to lead the Entebbe raid in 1976, so Gur has designated a commander for the Election Day operation. Objective: to dislodge Yitzhak Shamir and the rest of Menachem Begin's heirs from entrenched positions in the Prime Minister's Office, the cabinet and the Knesset.

The officer-in-charge of the Election Day operation is Binyamin Yasour of Mapam, an old army comrade of Gur's. (Yasour is known by his army nickname, "Bea-Jilla," just as everyone, friend and foe alike, calls Gur "Motta.")

Gur — who has taken leave from his post at Koor Industries, where he is chairman of the board of five metallurgy plants — plans to run the rest of the campaign along military lines as well, with 90 per cent of the vote-getting machinery located at the "GHQ," the party headquarters on Tel Aviv's Rehov Hayarkon. He wants to make that mechanism as lean as possible, in sharp contrast to 1981, when the huge staff taken on occupied three separate buildings, and cost a lot of hard-to-get funds.

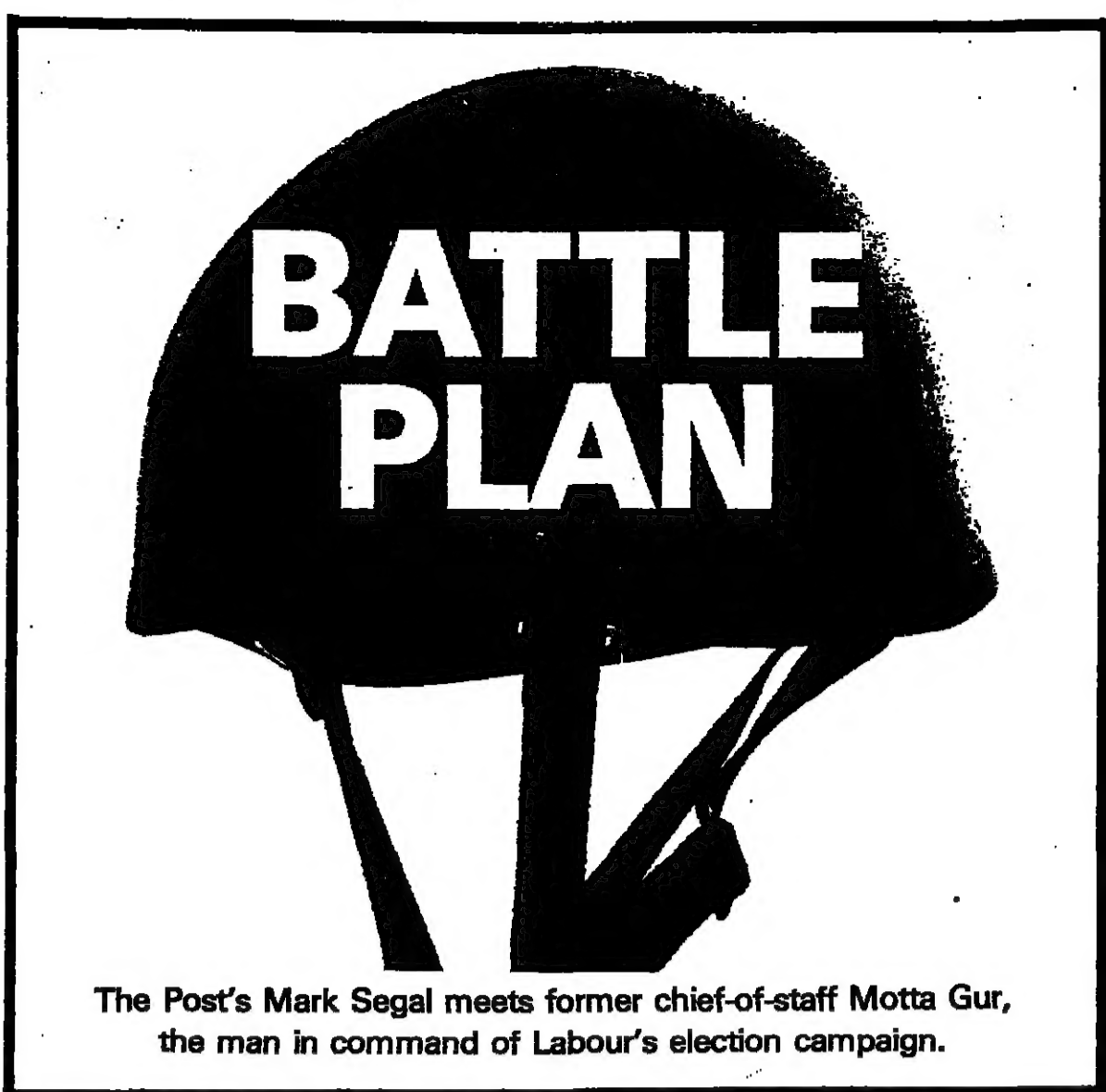
The campaign chief plans to rely on existing party staffers, obviating the need for extra personnel, and to place increasing reliance on the large numbers of volunteers already signing up to work on the election. In 1981, he points out, the election apparatus was far too top-heavy, and there were a plethora of sub-structures. All this, Gur stresses, interfered with the chain of command, the orderly organizational contact between the centre and the branches.

Gur also wants to keep the operation as decentralized as possible. "It is no use at all to employ a blanket approach for the entire electorate. We have to make a different appeal to each constituency, be it in the Hatzvot Quarter or Beersheba's various districts. And that can only be done by people on the spot, familiar with the locality," he says.

While the nitty-gritty of the campaign information policy will await the selection of the information chief, Gur has already resolved certain guidelines, based on the experience of 1981. The party has already issued tenders for various functions, like computers, and there are plans to hire a publicity counselor to help the campaign managers choose public relations-advertising agencies, and aid in supervising the "professionals' work."

Gur feels that this "house professional" will help curb the admen's appetites for huge budgets, particularly for TV spots. In turn, the Labour Party's accounting department will keep a close watch on the agencies' bills.

The campaign director has already decided to switch the emphasis in outdoor publicity. The hoardings, where most posters have traditionally been hung, were both costly and prone to vandalism. Instead, supporters will be asked to



hang posters in the windows of their homes.

Gur is emphatic in declaring the party's independence from the professional image-makers' domination. "No PR agency will be allowed to direct our campaign. Day-to-day policy will be decided at this desk and in this building. Then the agency's people will be asked to flesh out our guidelines. Nor will any pollsters tell us how to formulate policy and place our candidates." This is a scarcely veiled reference to the advice of Eliezer Zorabin of the Dahaf agency, for Labour to name its "shadow cabinet" before Election Day 1981.

MOTTA GUR'S formal appointment to the top spot in the campaign was only made this week, but he had been preparing blueprints for the best part of two months. His talent as a first-class field organizer was proved last year, when he ran the Alignment's successful municipal election campaign.

At 54, Motta radiates the image of the tough, good-natured sabra, with a dose of good humour thrown in. And his personal history fits the image. Born in Jerusalem, service in the Hagana, study at the Hebrew University before resumption of his military career.

In 1956, he was the commander of the forward-thrust operation in Sinai, including the paratroop drop at the Mittle Pass and the subsequent tough battle with the Egyptians. Even today, almost three decades later, Gur makes a point of concurring with the late Moshe Dayan's criticism of then-aluf Ariel Sharon for sending young paratroops into that battle.

"In the first stage of his army

career," Gur said yesterday, "Arik was extremely cautious about risking soldiers' lives. But gradually, as his personal ambitions grew, he sought out bigger and more attention-drawing operations, and became more careless about casualty figures. Thus, at the Mittle, he sent men into battle, but never turned up himself."



No PR agency will be allowed to conduct our campaign.

Gur continued his rise in the IDF hierarchy, and in 1967 had the historic opportunity of leading the paratroops into the Old City of Jerusalem, and to the Western Wall.

Later on, in 1972, Gur said that he had been approached by Dayan, then defence minister, about becoming chief of staff. But the appointment went to the late David (Dado) Elazar, and Gur was sent to Washington as military attaché.

"I was told: 'Don't leave the country if you want to become chief of staff.' Then the Yom Kippur War

broke out, and what I never imagined would happen actually took place. All the generals who were in the field were ruled out" as chiefs of staff. So Gur came back from Washington, and became the country's top soldier. High points of his command came in 1976, for the Entebbe Operation; the Sadat visit in 1977, about which Gur expressed suspicions which later proved unwarranted and Operation Litani in March 1978. He left the army on April 15, 1978.

GUR SOON jumped into the political arena and was elected to the 10th Knesset in 1981, rapidly becoming a front-bench speaker on defence affairs. He recalled that during one of the debates on the Lebanon war, then-premier Menachem Begin heckled him with a reference to the Litani Operation. Gur recalls: "I told Begin you'll soon be yearning for a Co-S who can advise you not only how to start a war, but also how to end one."

The former Co-S still regrets that Begin never accepted his advice at the time of the Litani Operation to negotiate with the Syrians, but instead bowed to then President Jimmy Carter's wish to bring in the UN. Gur still believes that the Syrians were open to a deal over Lebanon back in 1982, regretting that today in the light of ensuing developments, they were more belligerent and better equipped by the Soviets, and thus less amenable to an agreement.

WHEN I WONDERED whether as campaign chief he was taking into account the possibility of Menachem Begin's sudden return to the hustings, with all that involved, Gur said he was persuaded that the founder of Herut had finally withdrawn from politics.

"He has judged himself, and sentenced himself to house arrest. In direct contrast to Sharon and Rafal, Begin has taken to heart the fact that his world collapsed, and that all his hopes have turned sour. To his credit, it must be said that with all the hardship it entailed for

him, Begin handed back Sinai and won peace for us in return. But if you compare his initial declarations about the war in Lebanon in June 1982 and his talk in 1983 that 'the war is a tragedy,' you see what has happened to the man. Keep in mind his speech at the defence college, which was widely publicized, about advocating the war of choice, in line with Revisionist ideology of 'with fire and blood Judea will be restored,' and then see how with the help of Sharon and Rafal, his world has collapsed. It's a dreadful paradox how Begin has ended his political career. He did his best all his years to extricate himself from the memory of Deir Yassin; and now he spends his time gazing from his window at the site of Deir Yassin."

In the campaign chief's estimation, the two dominant issues of the elections will be Lebanon and the economic mess. But now that the Likud is already talking of focusing on the future of Judea and Samaria, Labour will discuss how to further the peace process, and speak of "full security for the country." Gur says grimly: "We are ready to cope with the tactics of Arik Sharon and Ronnie Milo."

He doubts whether this time communal problems will be as central an issue as they were in 1981. Gur said his sources had advised him that they would figure but not take central stage, with Tami's electoral prospects rather dim.

The Labour campaign, he says, will be targeted on the major urban areas, especially the working class quarters, and the development towns. Gur cites a 5 per cent swing to Labour in these places during the municipal election. Lately the party observed how the previous blanket hostility had been replaced by a readiness to listen, which hopefully would be translated into votes on D-Day.

As for the younger generation, the success of the pro-Labour list among Tel Aviv University students was an encouraging sign.

The campaign would pay much attention to what Gur called "the Lebanon generation," but this, he admitted, was very sensitive. "After all, our party strongly criticizes those who refuse to serve. But we do think it commendable to develop open-mindedness among the younger generation. We wish to highlight the difference between our way of thinking and that of the Likud, that brought about the war in Lebanon."

What was the campaign chief going to do about stopping his party's stars from talking too much with damaging electoral effects? Gur says that this morning, on the morning of his appointment's confirmation by the central committee, he is going to convene all the brain trust, formulating various planks of the party platform. He intends to ask them to coordinate all positions and leave public statements to authorized spokesmen.

Gur was gratified that Israel TV broadcast its apology to Adi Amoral, after misquoting him on Saturday night as indicating that Labour planned to tamper with Patam savings accounts. "It came as quite a shock, and perhaps it will turn out to have been a blessing in disguise. Our people will now be careful how they talk. Gad Ya'acobi is our main spokesman on economic affairs."

Nor will there be the confusion of the 1981 election, caused by speculation over Labour's shadow cabinet, Gur said. He noted thankfully that Shimon Peres had accepted his advice that the composition of a Labour cabinet be left until after the party actually started forming a government.



Part of the Fawzi Daud family. Husmei, holding baby, is at left. (Louis Rapoport)

Multiple tragedy

By LOUIS RAPOPORT / Jerusalem Post Reporter

"IT'S TOO DEPRESSING. Too many dead kids," said the American editor who assigned the story and then killed it.

The story was about a West Bank woman who reportedly had given birth to eight sets of twins. A real freak. It was perfect fare for a paper specializing in Elvis Presley, dwarfs, beauty ideas, the Bermuda Triangle, and dreams that come true.

Only this was a nightmare. No housewife quotes about all those cute kids running around the house, or attempts at risqué humour from the bemused husband. It took place in an impoverished Arab village in Samaria, against a grim background of death and poverty.

Husmei Sultan Daud and her husband Fawzi of Kafr Haris have actually had six sets of twins, not eight as originally reported in *Melody* recently.

It happens once in many millions of times. It could be of great scientific interest, according to Israeli medical experts. But to the Dauds, who live in grinding poverty, this thing that "comes from God" is not a blessing, but a curse.

Mrs. Daud gave birth to a total of 15 children from 1970 to 1982. Eight children died between the ages of one week and four years, "because of neglect by doctors," the Dauds say.

"In the territories, we don't get medicine because you have to pay bribes to the doctors," says a close relative. The family gets no help from their fellow villagers, or from the authorities.

Kafr Haris is in the Tuikarn region, 25 kilometres from Nablus, and close to the Jewish settlement of Ariel. It is a village of about 700 people, some of whom make olive oil, or grow wheat or figs.

Most of the men work outside — Fawzi Daud is a construction worker in "Israel proper." But he suffers from stomach trouble, and can only work intermittently. He can't buy meat for his family, which lives in two small rooms without electricity, running water, or

heating. Olive branches are burned to keep a visitor warm.

The Arabs don't like to talk about this freak of nature. It is one of Allah's many mysterious deeds. Even the local doctors don't think the occurrence so extraordinary.

The last set of twins, Ayesha and Samira, died at two weeks old. In 1980, the previous set of twins died after seven months because the Dauds didn't have money to pay for blood transfusions.

Mrs. Daud's last pediatrician, a physician at Rafadya hospital in Nablus, is not excited about the fact that she has given birth to six sets of twins. He promised her that she would have more twins.

"I said, 'Thanks to God, I have enough.' She doesn't want any more children who will die before their fourth birthday. And giving birth to twins even once is an exhausting experience."

"I'm tired," she says. "I'm tired." Her husband hands her his coat to hang up as she balances one of her surviving babies in her arms.

The 41-year-old woman says, however, that if God wants her to have more children, well, so be it. "No problem. It all comes from God."

The village mukhtar, Nemir Abded el-Kareem, echoes the refrain, but adds:

"It's great good luck if you are a rich man, but it is a curse if you are poor." Fawzi Daud is 39, but looks 60.

According to Dr. Susan Harlap, a Jerusalem expert on twins, the birthing of six sets of twins is probably the result of "a mutation that is as rare as rare can be." Another Jerusalem expert, Dr. Asher Orno, agrees. Neither has "yet come across a case where twinning may be a dominant genetic trait."

The Dauds and the village mukhtar were willing to talk to a reporter from the American tabloid because they hoped to get "care packages" from America. It will be hard to explain to them why the story was killed — too much death.

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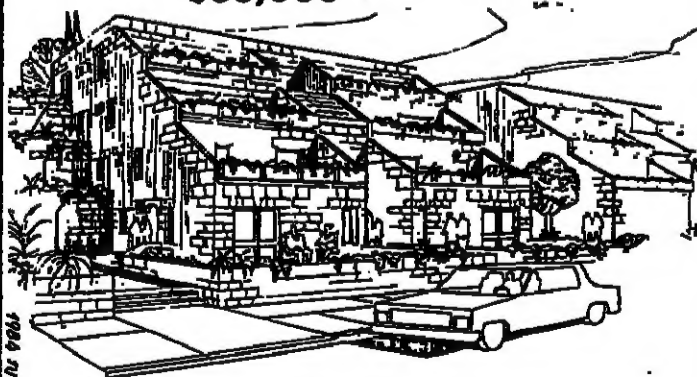
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Troubled liaison

By SARAH HONIG / Post Political Reporter

THESE DAYS, the Liberals are liberally dispensing advice to their increasingly vexed Herut partners. They are suggesting apparently in earnest, that Herut wait until the stable doors until after the horse has had a chance to flee.

They didn't put it in those words. But that is precisely the effect of their proposal that Herut wait until after the elections to do anything about the terms of their partnership with the Liberals, if they deem them unfair.

By that time, of course, it would be all too late. There would be nothing to lock the stable door for. If Herut is to do anything about its Liberal partners, it must act in the short time left before the slates of Knesset candidates must be in. But it is very far from certain that Herut will ever translate discontent to action, and a betting man would be wise to wager against any real Herut deeds.

The list of Herut grievances against the Liberals is a long one. It is also very hard to argue with, as even most Liberals will admit, whether openly or privately.

At the top of the list is the Herut charge that the "Liberals give the word parasite a bad name." According to Herut, the Liberals are grossly over-represented in the Knesset — all at Herut's expense. To wait until after a new contingent of Liberals has occupied Knesset seats won by Herut would be waiting until it is too late to remedy the situation. The damage will have been done, and the Liberals will once more be brazenly laughing off Herut resentment, as they have done for nearly two decades.

BUT THE Liberals are not laughing now. Election time is a touchy and sensitive time for them. It is the time when they contribute least to the Likud and demand the most. It is obviously the time to keep a low profile, because it is the Liberals' most vulnerable time. With the experience of many recent election campaigns behind them, the Liberals seem to be counting on Herut to continue to bear the Liberal milstone with the same stoic fortitude it had displayed up to now.

The only serious jolt the Liberals have had recently came last year, when former premier Menachem Begin resigned and, for a brief

political moment, they appeared to have been orphaned. The new prime minister Yitzhak Shamir, coolly announced that he is not the gentleman Begin was, and that he would not tolerate the Liberal antics which Begin suffered in silence. Indeed, in the six months of the Shamir government the Liberals seemed slightly better behaved than they were under Begin. But the good behaviour began after they extracted from Shamir a letter, in which he vowed not to alter the terms of the two parties' partnership. This letter was clearly written under duress, in order to keep the fragile coalition intact.

With the letter in their collective pocket, the Liberals could afford to become smug, and to devote their full energies to their interminable internal squabbles. Rumbles of discontent continued to emanate from Herut. But even as the volume and acerbity increased, the Liberals either ignored or lightly dismissed them as coming from "second-and-third-rate Herut politicians" (even if in fact the latter were giving voice to the sentiments of the higher-ups in their party).

This Liberal complacency was shaken not a little last Wednesday when the Herut secretariat, the party's top executive forum, decided to review the partnership's terms. It is yet to be seen how much this presages real action, and how much it is only a safety valve, to let out much pent-up Herut frustration. But it was no longer a development the Liberals could laughingly and securely dismiss. Momentarily, they had to take time off from the erratic leadership struggles of their party — which has not run on its own for over 20 years — to cast a wary eye in Herut's direction. This budding Liberal apprehension yielded the suggestion that any re-examination of the partnership terms wait until after the elections.

Of course, this only poured salt on Herut's open wounds. The Liberals clearly have the sweetest political deal imaginable.

Two parties have not fielded their own tickets since the 1960s — the Liberals and Mapam. But Mapam, aligned with Labour, is seen as likely to fare far better at polls on its own than the Liberals would. It is doubtful that an independent Mapam ticket could win the seven

Knesset seats which the party had in the Alignment framework in the 10th Knesset. But it could perhaps elect from two to four MKs on its own. Mapam, after all, still has a constituency and an ideology, which is much more than can be said for the Liberals.

But unlike Mapam, the Liberals made it into the tenth Knesset with no less than 18 MKs.

For years, political observers have been arguing that whatever power-base the Liberals, or their General Zionist forebears, may have had in the so-called middle class has long evaporated. There is no identifiable small-business vote, and the nation's shop-keepers are as divided in their political leanings as the rest of the population. The Liberals cannot claim them as their own. The actual Liberal political weight is currently estimated as no greater than that of the nearly defunct Independent Liberal Party, which did not manage to gain any Knesset representation in 1981, and which is not likely to field its own ticket this summer.

In other words, it is doubtful that the Liberals speak for anyone any more, and when they speak, it is not with a single voice. The Liberals today are seen as a chance aggregation of ambitious individuals, each out to further his own narrow vested political interests.

Herut loudly charges that the Liberals made no contribution to the Likud vote in the 1981 elections. And anyone who followed that campaign indeed will recall that the Liberals were the Likud's most closely guarded secret. Liberal candidates and leaders were all but concealed from the voters' view; the stars of the curious Liberal firmament almost never appeared on Likud TV spots.

SO HOW DID the Liberals emerge from hiding with 18 MKs after polling day? The culprit is a document called the Gahal Agreement. It was

signed on April 25, 1965 and is reported lost in the Herut archives. (Perhaps significantly, at least 20 copies are available for perusal in Liberal Party files.) Among the signatories are Begin, no longer politically active, and Liberals Yosef Saphir and Yosef Serlin as well as Herut's Arye Ben Eliezer, Yosef Shofman and Haim Landau — all long dead.

The nearly 20-year-old agreement fixes the ratio of Herut and Liberal MKs. Although the agreement was to have been a temporary prelude to full unity, the ratio had been religiously adhered to, even though it is claimed that in 1965 it was already far too kind to the Liberal side. There were eleven Liberal MKs then, to Herut's 17.

This is how the agreement works: Each party gets 11 of the first 22 slots on the List, one going to each, with Herut getting the first, the Liberals the second, and so on. From there to the fortieth slot, Herut gets eleven seats and the Liberals seven. From that point on the arrangement again reverts to one each.

In Herut this is viewed as something verging on a political swindle, with the Liberals cast as the con-men and Herut as the victim. Moreover, the freedom from having to face the voters' judgment and the basic lack of ideological or any other cohesiveness has loosened all reins in the Liberal Party.

The Liberal capacity for intrigue and discord became seemingly boundless. Dissent in the ranks is constant, and disarray is the normal state of affairs. The party has not been a single force for a long time, and antagonistic groupings and egos have been at each other's throats in the complex and inexhaustingly varied Liberal Wonderland. Rivalries in the party are so personal and intense that a war of everyone against everyone is not difficult to predict.

But the Liberals' ritual round of internecine bloodletting is not just their own affair. They have destabilized all Likud governments. If Herut at first viewed them with a mixture of bafflement and tolerant amusement, its attitude has gradually changed to outright disdain and frequent alarm.

Herut's elder statesman Yohanan Bader, by no means a young hot-head seeking headlines, has now warned that Liberal antics may well cost the Likud the coming elections, and has joined the Herut chorus demanding that the Liberals either be cut down to their natural diminutive size, or that Herut rid itself of them all together. The Liberals are now perceived by many in Herut as freeloaders, reckless trouble-makers and potential traitors. The point has not been lost on Herut that the present Likud government's term was shortened by none other than a Liberal — Yitzhak Berman.

HERUT IS also haunted by a scenario which foresees a wholesale Liberal defection in the event of a Labour victory on July 23.

Herut has carefully noted the fact that no one in Labour speaks of a national unity government but of a "broad coalition." Labour's idea, it is thought, would be to woo the Liberals away from the Likud and leave Herut alone in the opposition, with its size far below its vote-getting potential. Given the Liberal zeal for personal honours and cabinet seats, such a Liberal sell-out does not seem improbable, in Herut eyes. The seats the Liberals would be taking away would, of course, have been won by Herut votes, it is said.

One idea was that each Likud MK be required to post a sort of bond payable if he crosses the Knesset lines or votes against his party in crucial Knesset confrontations. The trouble is that such an arrangement cannot be legally binding.

Another idea was that, perhaps, the Liberal party could be made more predictable and reliable if its leadership exercised more control over the selection of its Knesset candidates. Herut would have liked to see a Liberal appointments committee, much along Labour's pattern, which would make sure that potentially disloyal and unknown political quantities do not again get a free ride on Herut coat-tails.

Herut itself puts its list together and ranks the candidates by several secret ballots, in a process that political observers consider more democratic than in any other Israeli party. But Herut has a 1,000-member central committee, and, like it or not, it is an ideological party with a distinct credo and long-range goals. The Liberal electoral process is at best a grotesque crazy-mirror reflection of the Herut method.

On the face of it, the Liberal method is just as democratic. But only 240 central committee members are doing the voting, and of them, at least 150 are already in the race themselves as candidates for "safe seats." The result is political chaos, backroom deals and wholesale unpredictability. With the Liberals failing once more to put any semblance of order in their unruly house, Herut is troubled by visions of being at the mercy of and having to court Liberal *enfants terribles* like Dror Zeigerman, though they owe their Knesset seats to Herut votes.

ANOTHER IDEA gaining ground in Herut these days is that rather than abrogate the Gahal Agreement, Herut ultimately demand that the Likud parties finally and immediately unite into a single political entity, with everyone voting for everyone. After all, Liberal Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i has declared that "political agreements cannot be terminated because they are no longer advantageous for one of the sides. Political agreements have an even greater sanctity than marriage."

If so, it is said in Herut, the Liberals should be reminded that four years ago they formally undertook to unify the Likud. This agreement should also be honoured. Then the Liberals could not rely

on reserved ratios. If they reject their unity commitment, the Liberals will be responsible for abrogating the Gahal agreement, it is argued in Herut.

NO ONE in Herut, however, can give any convincing answer as to why there is only talk and no action on the Liberal question. For a long time the blame was gently put on Begin's door. Begin, the argument went, was too sentimental and honourable, and could not forget that the Liberals rescued him from the political wilderness. This gratitude and his gentlemanly commitment to the late Liberal leader, Simcha Ehrlich had not allowed him to cast the Liberals adrift. So Begin went on grinning and bearing the ever heavier Liberal burden. But the folksy and fussy Ehrlich died suddenly last year, and Begin removed himself from the political arena. Political chivalry can no longer be considered a viable factor in the Liberal-Herut relationship.

The contention that there isn't sufficient time before elections to deal with the problem also does not hold water. The only conceivable time in which Herut can act is during the elections period. When the Likud headed a narrow coalition, Herut could not afford to shake it by alienating the Liberals; the same would be true even if the Likud finds itself in opposition. The Liberals' threat of crossing the line would always be potent. Once the Knesset is convened, the Liberals will have a stranglehold on Herut, whether in the coalition or the opposition. Election time is a now-or-never time for Herut.

If it does not act it will demonstrate weakness. It will show political lethargy, conservatism and fear of causing any upheavals when the Alignment's challenge is yet to be faced on polling day. But without the Liberals, Herut is likely to get many votes as with them. If the Gahal Agreement is left unamended, the general public will know that the Likud is hobbled and handicapped.

Without firm Herut action now, the untamed Liberal wild horse, having bolted the unlocked stable, will run unbridled and buck violently as soon as the 11th Knesset convenes. Herut can count on that. But it will have only itself to blame.

OFF AND RUNNING

By WOLF BLITZER / Washington

REPUBLICAN Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, usually an effective and entertaining speaker, bombed badly the other night when he addressed more than 1,600 guests attending a dinner at the 25th Annual Policy Conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the pro-Israel lobbying organization in Washington.

He delivered a decidedly "evenhanded" speech on U.S. policy in the Middle East — not exactly what his audience had expected to hear, especially during this election year in the United States.

In the process, he urged support for U.S. arms sales to "moderate" Arab states, for retaining the present location of the U.S. Embassy in Israel and for becoming more receptive to the "legitimate interests" of the Palestinians.

In contrast to the warm reception given to Democratic Senator Daniel

Inouye of Hawaii, who spoke first that night, Dole received a clearly cool, if polite, response. There were many negative comments.

"He picked up his wife's briefcase by mistake," one AIPAC delegate commented, referring to Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Dole.

Another person wryly said that Senator Dole might have mistakenly thought he was speaking before the National Association of Arab-Americans.

Pro-Israeli Democrats attending the dinner were pleased. Earlier in the day, Vice President George Bush had scored some points before the same group when he lashed out against Democratic presidential candidates Walter Mondale and Gary Hart for supposedly reacting so silently to the Rev. Jesse Jackson's refusal to totally disassociate himself from a spate of anti-Semitic comments made by black Moslem leader Louis Farrakhan.

DOLE'S remarks seemed to reinforce the impression that the Republicans were also far from perfect as far as Israel was concerned. "If Dole was prepared to say such things this year, before that group," one Democrat commented, "you can imagine what the Republicans will do next year, when they won't have to worry about getting re-elected."

President Ronald Reagan is barred by the Constitution from seeking a third term in the White House. Democratic Representative Tony Coelho of California, a young leader in the House, warned the national Jewish leaders who

gathered at the Washington conference that Reagan would simply roll over Israel during a second four years in the White House.

That, of course, is a possibility, although administration officials deny it. Israeli officials are also proclaiming their confidence that it will not occur, given the increasingly improving U.S.-Israeli strategic relationship.

Thus, they point out, the U.S. and Israel last month, without any fanfare, signed a new memorandum of agreement extending for another five years their 1979 accord designed to promote Israeli defence

exports to the United States.

That first document, signed by then defence minister Ezer Weizman and defence secretary Harold Brown, did not actually result in very many Israeli sales to the Pentagon.

But Israeli officials are hoping that this new agreement will pave the way for increased sales, especially in some high-technology warfare capabilities which Israel has developed in actual battlefield conditions.

They concede that the administration has still refused to give Israel what it really wants — name-

ly, the same preferential treatment NATO countries receive in promoting their military exports to the U.S. But still, Israeli bids for U.S. contracts will now have a better chance of success.

PRESIDENT Reagan and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir share a common political interest in stressing the positive in the American-Israeli relationship. In terms of generating votes back home, such talk is important. Thus, both men recently insisted that U.S.-Israeli ties are better today than ever before. The obvious implication, of course, is that this is owing to their policies and actions. Neither has an interest in publicly complaining about certain problems in the overall relationship, although everyone recognizes they still exist.

With Mondale's latest impressive victory in Pennsylvania and his mounting count of committed delegates to the party convention in

San Francisco in July, the debate will increasingly shift from within the Democratic camp to between the Democrats and the Republicans. In the process of seeking Jewish support, the struggle will be intense.

Even Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger seems to be getting involved. On April 1 he signed a memorandum urging the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and other military commanders to commemorate this year's Holocaust Memorial Week from April 29 to May 5 by organizing special prayer services and other ceremonies for the soldiers. This is the first time a U.S. defence secretary has taken this step, which was the brainchild of Rabbi Arnold Resnikoff, the U.S. Navy Chaplain who was in Beirut during the October 24 bombing of Marine headquarters there.

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IT WAS recently reported that the sponsors of the bill for transferring the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem had complained that Israeli spokesmen were not persistent enough in their support. This criticism is surely misplaced. Jerusalem has stated its position publicly and unequivocally. Nobody can be in doubt about its stance. By repetitious exhortation Israel would only be maneuvering itself into the posture of a pleading supplicant.

The bill's sponsors, for their part however, have omitted to attack one of the central pillars of the Reagan Administration's case. Administration spokesmen have asserted repeatedly that the transfer would anger the Moslems - because of their religious claim on the city. Flaunting this bogeyman has become standard Washington practice to make up for a weak case. Bad enough is the picture of the U.S. bowing before the alleged prospect of Moslem anger, and allowing it to overwhelm all moral considerations, but the Moslem claim itself is based on a complete fiction, fabricated in our time.

The British Christian theologian and historian, Dr. James Parkes, writes in his book *Whose Land* the following:

"The common phrase that Palestine is the Holy Land of three faiths is not strictly accurate. It is not appropriate to the Islamic relationship. Moreover no particular sanc-

tity has ever been attributed to the country as a whole. Its biblical frontiers had no significance and were never used to define a Muslim administration... Jerusalem also was never a Muslim capital. Even the two Umayyad caliphs who were most closely associated with the country... showed no special regard for it...

"Jerusalem, one may add, is not mentioned even once in the Koran."

Dr. Parkes goes on: "From the historian's point of view there is a difficulty in the fact that the very sanctity which Islam attributes to the Haram-ash-Sharif is due to the association of the spot with the other two religions involved, and not to any comparable Muslim relationship..."

"The nature of the ascension of Muhammad is such that it is entirely useless as historical evidence. The association of the Jews with the land is a historical fact, whether one believes the association to be the result of a divine decision or not. The association of the Founder of Christianity, with Galilee, and Judea is a historical fact; whether or not one accepts the Christian theological claim as to His nature, or even the

Moving the U.S. embassy

By SHMUEL KATZ

ecclesiastical claim of authenticity for the Holy Places. But the association of Muhammad with the country rests on willingness to believe that on a single night, and on a winged horse, Muhammad flew to and from Arabia in order that he might then mount by a ladder for a personal view of the heavens...

"What is true of Jerusalem turns out also to be true of the other sites in the country on the basis of which the claim is made that Palestine is the 'Holy Land of three faiths'. The shrines are either Jewish or Christian..." (pages 166-168, Pelican edition).

MOHAMMED recognized the sanctity of Jerusalem to the Jews and indeed to the Christians; and at the outset of his career, hoping to attract Jewish and Christian adherents to the new faith, he ordered his supporters to turn their faces towards Jerusalem when praying. When this measure failed in its purpose, he restored the direction of prayer to Mecca. So it has remained ever since; and the annual pilgrimage to Mecca is moreover an impressive event in Moslem life.

No less impressive (in the light of the Moslem "claim") is the absence

of any such pilgrimage to Jerusalem. This fact has been given recent emphasis by the Saudi royal family. They decided, some years ago, by what revelation it has not been disclosed, that they, of all people, had a special passion for, and a special relationship with, Jerusalem. American spokesmen, with reverent intonation, have unblinkingly echoed this tale. They hope, no doubt, thus to give political clout to the Saudis' claim that they cannot possibly agree to visit "their" holy city as long as it is in infidel Jewish hands. Unfortunately, in the 19 years of Jordan's pure Moslem control of Jerusalem, no Saudi prince ever set foot in it, not even on his way to or from the night clubs of Europe.

WASHINGTON'S pretence that Jerusalem is an "international" entity is not merely childish; it is also hypocritical. It has found expression only insofar as it has operated against Israel. Throughout the

Jordanian occupation the U.S. (like the U.N.) failed even to protest at Jordan's breaches of the Armistice agreement, notably its obligation to protect all the Holy Places and to facilitate access to them. If that was not enough, Washington, forgetting altogether the "international responsibility" it claimed, turned a blind eye and deaf ear (together with the rest of the "Christian world") to the Jordanians' systematic destruction of Jewish synagogues and desecration of Jewish graves. The only discernible manifestation of Washington's concept of "international status" has been its refusal to recognize even western Jerusalem as Israel's capital - and thus to go on maintaining its embassy in Tel Aviv.

To emphasize the absence of any principle in its behaviour - the U.S. maintains an embassy in East Berlin even though it does not recognize East Berlin as the capital of the East German Republic. What could be a more demonstrative exhibition of a double standard?

INDEED A CLOSE examination of U.S. policy since 1947 suggests that

its willingness to go to absurd extremes against a Jewish sovereign presence in Jerusalem derives from a deeper passion. There can be little doubt that one of the strands of State Department doctrine on Jewish national restoration has been the historic "religious" prejudice, which cannot tolerate the notion of Jewish statehood at all and which recoils from the very idea of Jews actually ruling over the Holy City.

Only the persistence of that prejudice can possibly explain the reversal of U.S. policy after the Six Day War. When Israel actually established and maintained its sovereignty over a reunited Jerusalem, Washington, after 19 years of obstinate clinging to the dreamed-up doctrine that Jerusalem was an "international" city, suddenly decided that the eastern part of the city was not international and, because it was now in Jewish hands, that it had become "occupied Arab territory."

Henceforth, then, only western Jerusalem is "international."

turbed by the present anomaly and its implications. If, however, their purpose should be frustrated by the administration's counterpressures, there is another manifestation of Washington's discriminatory policy that Israel can itself eliminate.

Secretary of State George Shultz said recently that the president is constitutionally entitled to decide where to place U.S. embassies. But Israel has an absolute right to put an end to the intolerable anomaly of the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem. The consulate, contrary to all diplomatic practice, operates independently of the U.S. embassy and is not accredited to the Israeli government. Its activities are an irritant and offence to Israel and the Jewish citizens of Jerusalem. No less than 13 of its sins were listed in a recent illuminating, if restrained, article by David Clayman and Peretz Levine ("Consular Contravention," *The Jerusalem Post*, April 1, 1984).

If the U.S. government wishes to maintain an office to fulfil acceptable consular functions, Israel should, in all friendliness, make clear that that office must conform to the accepted norms of international behaviour. In territory governed by Israel it can be allowed to operate only as an arm of the U.S. ambassador accredited to Israel.

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abroad. The budget crunch in the universities began a little over a year ago when a vindictive Treasury began cutting back on allocations, because the professors won an arbitration ruling providing them with higher salaries. The Treasury at first

of cash, the universities must borrow the money from banks. Interest on these loans now amounts to hundreds of millions of shekels.

THE HEAD of the PGC, Prof. Haim Harari, calls the current

ly give way. Next year will be the third year running at a deficit, and a fourth will surely follow. Even in the next few months we will face a big problem of where to get money to pay salaries."

At this week's cabinet meeting,

years ago by the Katsav Committee, which are binding on all parties. The students are understandably loth to agree to higher payments, and have dragged out negotiations begun by the Treasury last November.

□ The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (15,500 students) reduced academic staff by 100 positions from 1974 to 1982. During the last year alone, 60 more teachers were fired. All non-tenured junior faculty and teachers hired for specific

□ Haifa University (6,000 students) has cut out eight academic positions and 20 administrative jobs this year, and for next year must fire at least 30 teachers. There has been a 25 per cent cut in work hours for temporary help, which means stu-

ditions, the situation is not totally bleak, due to the money for hiring outstanding young scholars provided by a special fund set up by the PGC, and the "nest eggs" the universities have accumulated in the form of endowments.

THOSE WHO feared that the first Orthodox chairman of the Israel Broadcasting Authority would close down TV and radio on Shabbat or use the airwaves to produce more penitent Jews have nothing to worry about.

As a product of the Bnei Akiva youth movement, 41-year-old Micha Yaron believes in peaceful coexistence between the observant and the secular and in bringing the two camps together with pleasantness rather than by force.

But Yaron nevertheless believes that the religious viewers and listeners have been unfairly treated by those responsible for programming in the past, and he intends to make it up to them, "without it coming at the expense of the secular audience."

Thus the bespectacled lawyer reflects the views of Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer, the man charged with implementation of the Broadcasting Law, who pressed the government to appoint Yaron to the chairmanship for the next three years.

"Zevulun knows me from childhood; he was my counsellor in Bnei Akiva," says Yaron. "He trusts me, and we have the same tastes." Hammer didn't even give Yaron instructions on how he would like TV and radio to be changed in the future, since the two — about seven years apart — see eye to eye on most issues.

Management and staff have greeted the new chairman with

THE KIPPA AT THE TOP

Micha Yaron, recently named chairman of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, talks about his new job to the Post's Judy Siegel-Itzkovich.

"great sympathy," he says, rather than with the suspicion one would expect from people who are generally secular and in general closer to the left than to the right.

In Yaron's view, "they feel that they have a chairman who is open and one of them. After all, I've been here for four years in various capacities." (For three years he was a member of the board of directors and more recently deputy chairman of the authority.) "I'm not a foreigner brought in from the outside."

THE EXECUTIVE director of the Israel Bar Association for many years, Yaron intends to be a very active chairman, devoting "night and day" to the job, which has been largely ceremonial in the past. He maintains that the wording of the Broadcasting Law allows this expansion of power.

But he will be responsible for "public scrutiny" of the authority,

as compared with the director-general — Uri Porat — who is responsible for day-to-day operations and is the "editor-in-chief" of the state-owned electronic media. Yaron wants to help set general broadcast policy and be involved less in censorship or operational and personnel decisions.

So a few days after taking office on April 1, Yaron met with Kol Yisrael director Gideon Lev-Ary for several hours. Yaron suggested that the Friday afternoon radio offering of French songs should be replaced by Jewish music conducive to preparation for the Sabbath. "Religious listeners don't tune in on Shabbat, so at least the hours before Shabbat should be more for them." He also asked for Hebrew, rather than foreign-language, songs during the intermediate days of Pessah, when many observant Jews take off from work and go on outings around the country. Lev-Ary, he says, agreed to the ideas.

Yaron praises the cooperation he received from the outgoing chairman, Prof. Reuven Yaron, who has returned to the Hebrew University, where he was one of Yaron's teachers. But he says he differs with Yaron in the conception of the chairmanship. "Prof. Yaron took a more academic approach, and he did everything by letter, even to the person in the next office. I intend to have an open office, and to get more involved."

His main contacts with the new director-general of the authority were made when Porat was in the Prime Minister's Office, and there were complaints for the authority chairman. "Since Porat didn't get along with Yaron, he would call me instead." Yaron says there is enough work complexity and work to do in the authority to leave both himself and Porat with plenty to do, each in his own realm of authority.

The chairman prefers not to comment on negative views he has heard or read about Porat; instead he points to praise heaped upon Porat by former colleagues at Yediot



Micha Yaron

(Aliza Auerbach)

Aharonot. "It seems he knows how to be a good friend," Yaron says of the director-general, who declared on his first day in the job that he wants to "make the news more objective."

ASKED WHAT changes he hopes will be made during his term, Yaron says he will try to fight for the introduction of commercial advertising on Israel TV — controlled and perhaps limited to the beginning and ending of programmes. He prefers establishment of a second channel — "and with me as chairman, I would rather it operated under the aegis of the Broadcasting Authority." But since the coming elections have probably delayed implementation of a second channel for some time, selling advertising space on Israel TV seems the main answer to dwindling authority revenue.

In the meantime, he hopes to push further the innovation of outgoing director-general Yosef Lapid: the start of paid sponsorships of shows by commercial enterprises, whose names are mentioned — without outright commercials — at the start of a programme.

Yaron also hopes to move the Friday night TV news magazine to

another night, because religious viewers complain that they miss out, and because secular viewers complain about having to watch exposés of scandals on the only night when they can really relax. He hopes to set up a team to recommend ways to change the Friday magazine, which he has never seen.

Yaron has heard complaints from the observant that Friday night

movies are "much better" than those shown on Wednesday nights. If this is so, he will push for the screening of better films on week nights. In addition, he will ask that exceptional broadcasts on the eve of Shabbat or holidays be rebroadcast on other nights for religious viewers. Two of them are this coming Monday night's Pessah entertainment programme, and an evening of music with Ofra Haza.

As for religious programmes themselves, he will not increase them in number, but help to improve their quality by investing more money and more creative staff in them. The Friday afternoon religious show, which was discontinued for budgetary reasons last year, will return to the screen, Yaron says.

He would also like to attract more young religious Jews to TV and radio. TV political reporter Nissim Mishal, who is Orthodox and has become a *Mabaz* star, was a welcome addition to the news department, and he has proven that one can be a fine reporter while wearing a *kippa*, says Yaron. But the perception that working for TV involves desecration of the Sabbath still persists, and the notion that TV staffers are by and large "bohemian."

"If a group of *hesder* yeshiva graduates enrolled in the news announcers' course and were accepted, it would change the whole attitude among the religious," says Yaron.

THE NEW CHAIRMAN rejects the term "leftist mafia" to describe TV journalists. But he does think that there is some "lack of breadth of views" in the news department.

Regarding coverage of Judea and Samaria ("I prefer that term, even though I'm not afraid of the term 'West Bank'"), Yaron says he will continue the policy of not initiating interviews with Palestinian personalities unless the interview is approved in advance by the director-general. "I think coverage of the territories is at a proper level and quality," he says. "We reflect events there, not create them."

He would also like to see a natural changes in the Broadcasting Authority. The 31-member plenum which is a mere debating society, should be abolished, he says.

He would also like to see the board of directors — a body that directly reflects party representation in the Knesset — become less political, so it can deal more with the financial and development needs of TV and radio. It will deal less with day-to-day criticism of broadcasters and broadcasts — often its sole occupation in the past. Instead, he has set up an ethics committee of the plenum, to be headed by publicist Natan Brun, and comprising the professional journalists and lawyers on the plenum. That committee, Yaron says, will deal with complaints about statements and actions of people who appear on the screen and on the airwaves.

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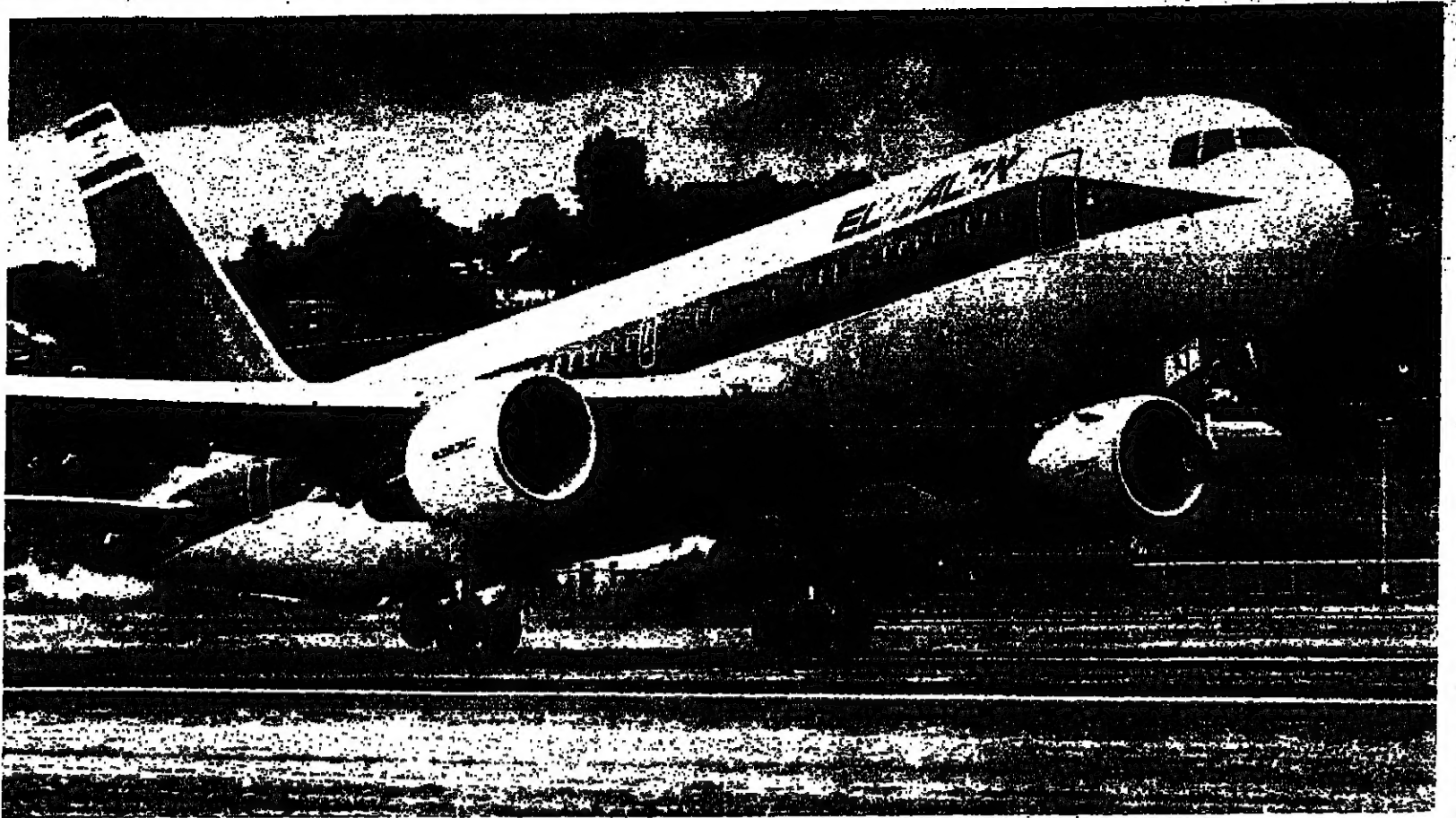
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Twin-engine trip

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT/Post Aviation Reporter



Take-off of an El Al Boeing 767. Two of the three 767s ordered by Israel include modifications for extra-long-range flights.

THE KOL YISRAEL newscast came over loud and clear in the Boeing 767 cockpit 41,000 feet over the Aegean Sea. Captain Menahem Erez looked down, identified Limnos rising out of the blue sea and pressed several buttons on his right-hand panel. With a slight tip of the wings, the Boeing changed course towards Rhodes and another pilot said we would soon see the island of Lesbos.

Behind them, in the passenger cabin, shades were down and people relaxed with earphones plugged into arm-rests to watch their second movie during the 11-hour flight.

It would have seemed like a routine flight except for the Israeli Civil Aviation Administration inspector and an Air Canada chief pilot in the cockpit.

But El Al flight 1000 was not a routine trip. It was the first commercial non-stop trans-Atlantic flight on a two-engine aircraft.

Certainly this was not the first twin-engine plane to cross the Atlantic. It was, however, the first time paying passengers were on board such a flight, and those 34 people among the 130 travellers enabled El Al to designate the flight a commercial one.

The main purpose of the trip was to deliver the third of four Boeing 767s Israel had ordered from the manufacturers' plant in Seattle. But El Al also took advantage of the flight to test the feasibility of operating a non-stop trans-Atlantic service with twin engine planes. It would like to use them on that route to cut costs.

Competition between airlines is so stiff — and fares are so low — that managements try to reduce expenses wherever possible. It is clearly a waste, for example, to use a Jumbo with more than 450 seats to carry only 130 passengers.

Because there are not enough bookings on the Canada route to merit a special Boeing 747 flight, El Al has been routing some of its New York-Tel Aviv flights through Montreal, to pick up the passengers. But it considers the stop there a tiresome waste. Passengers who board in New York, said the airline's vice-president, Amos Amir, don't want to land in Montreal after one hour and find that they have to sit in the plane on the ground for two hours before their long journey really begins.

Accordingly, two of the Boeing 767s Israel ordered include several

modifications equipping them for extra-long-range flights.

THESE MODELS — called Boeing 767ER (for extended range) — incorporate structural changes which will allow a maximum take-off weight of 152.2 tons, compared with the original 767's 140.5 tons. This enables the plane to carry more fuel.

Life rafts have been installed inside the door, in case the aircraft should have to ditch, while bigger fire-extinguishers would enable the crew to control a fire over a longer period should the aircraft be far away from an airport.

Obstacles still have to be surmounted before airlines embark on regular long-range flights in two-engine planes over oceans, deserts or other uninhabited areas.

Some of the problems are psychological. Airlines are not sure how passengers will react to the idea of flying over such areas in planes with only two engines. But there is also a question of the conditions under which governments will permit such flights.

TO DISCUSS the problems, a group of Israeli aviation reporters was invited to a meeting with Boeing experts, El Al managers and the chief pilot of the airline's 767 fleet.

Maps of the North Atlantic were pinned to a board, with circles drawn around airports in Scotland, Iceland, Greenland and Canada. They illustrated that it was possible to cross the Atlantic and yet never fly farther than 400 nautical miles from one of those airports.

El Al committed itself to abide by U.S. Federal Aviation Administration regulations. These now stipulate that a twin-engine plane must always fly close enough to an airport to be able to reach it on one engine within 60 minutes.

The regulation was made some 30 years ago. But despite all the technological advances since then, the FAA has made only two exceptions: it permitted Air Florida to fly the twin-engine Boeing 737s from New York to Santo Domingo and Eastern Airlines to fly Airbus A300s from New York to San Juan and Bermuda, allowing a maximum of 75 minutes' flight from an airport.

Other countries were more liberal. Air New Zealand has operated twin-engine Boeing 737s between Auckland and Nadi, although, midway they are 83

minutes' flying time from an airport. Air Pacific of Fiji has flown the BAC-111 between Auckland and Suva, which means that aircraft have been 84 minutes from an airfield.

Compliance with the FAA rule compelled El Al flight 1000 to fly towards the North Pole before turning for the Middle East. The plane which took off from Mirabel near Montreal headed first towards Frobisher Bay in northern Canada and then to southern Greenland, to be within range of Sonder Stromfjord. It was so close to the Pole that one of the pilots reported seeing the Northern Lights. Only then did the plane turn south-east passing near Keflavik in Iceland and Prestwick in Scotland.

The route was at least 300 km. longer than necessary, prolonging the flight by 40 minutes. But that was not the major problem.

El Al was more concerned with the possibility that one of those airports would be closed, perhaps because of bad weather. If that happened, the 767 would have had to postpone its departure. It accordingly sent a four-engine Boeing 747 from New York to Montreal to serve as a back-up.

OBVIOUSLY, this is no way to operate a regular service. The national carrier has therefore joined the aviation industry in pressing for new — more liberal — regulations which would allow twin-engine planes to be up to 90 minutes' flying time from an operational airport.

The idea is to adopt an International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) recommendation that the planes should be no farther from airports than an hour-and-a-half's flying time with both engines operating — in other words, about 690 nautical miles.

The ICAO stand was taken in the early 1950s, when that was the maximum range of twin-engine planes.

In those days, even four-engine Constellations had to stop at Shannon, Ireland, and at Gander, Newfoundland on trans-Atlantic flights.

The flight engineers sent along to look after the engines prided themselves on their ability to keep all four running on a trans-Atlantic flight; but the four-engine Stratocruiser was often called "the Boeing trimotor" because it was always "losing" engines.

Now, the 90-minute recommendations are being reviewed in detail by committees comprising representatives of the ICAO, the U.S., British, French and German aviation authorities: the major airplane manufacturers, Boeing, Douglas, Airbus; the engine producers, Pratt and Whitney, General Electric and Rolls-Royce; and IATA and IFALPA, representing the airlines and the pilots respectively.

Much work is being invested in trying to anticipate problems. One of the teams has prepared a 150-

page paper to help determine how long an engine can operate before a breakdown is likely. Others are drawing up a list of the minimum equipment required for long-distance flights on two engines. These have proved their reliability over the past few years, but studies are underway to ensure the safety of the auxiliary-power units. Once this is completed, it will be presented to the 152 ICAO member states and then forwarded to the organization's council for final action — possibly late this year, said ICAO spokesman Eugene Sochor.

ACCORDING to Richard W. Welch, the president of Boeing Commercial Airplane Company, a 90-minute rule would enable the use of twin engine planes on nearly all the commercial routes in the world. The El Al planes could take a more southerly route on trans-Atlantic flights. This would save fuel, making it possible to take more passengers.

Flight 1000, for example, took no more than 150 passengers although there are 224 seats on the plane, in order to have spare fuel in its tanks in case of complications.

Moreover, if the 90-minute rule is introduced, twin-engine planes could cross the Atlantic even if one of the four airports en route were closed. In the eastern Atlantic, planes would be permitted to be within range of Scotland or Greenland and not have to depend on Keflavik in Iceland.

Richard W. Taylor, a Boeing vice-president in charge of product development, argued in a paper that in the past, aircraft had a multiplicity of engines because none was powerful enough on its own. The Dornier DO X seaplane had 12 engines. The B-52 bombers have eight and the B-36 10 engines. But the latest American bombers reflect the changed trend: the B-1B has four engines and the FB-111 only two.

The Boeing 767 engines are so powerful that one of them is sufficient to get the plane aloft, and it is take-off that taxes an engine most.

According to El Al captains, the aircraft could have flown the entire 9,313 km. from Montreal to Tel Aviv on one engine.

Some experts have calculated it would take one billion flying hours until both engines on a modern twin-engine plane fail for different reasons. Horst O. Pohlmann, of Pratt and Whitney's Commercial Products Division, put it another way: an airline with 200 twin-engine planes using each for 2,500 hours a year will have to fly them for 2,000 years before both engines fail for different reasons.

If El Al could substitute the Boeing 767ER for the Jumbo on some of its long-range routes, said Amos Amir, it could save \$1.5m. to \$2m. on a mere 35 flights a year to Montreal alone.

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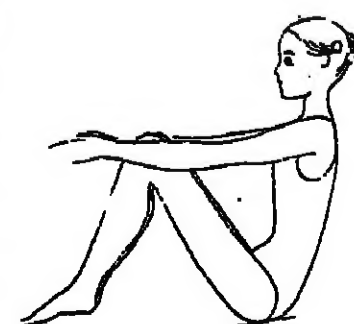
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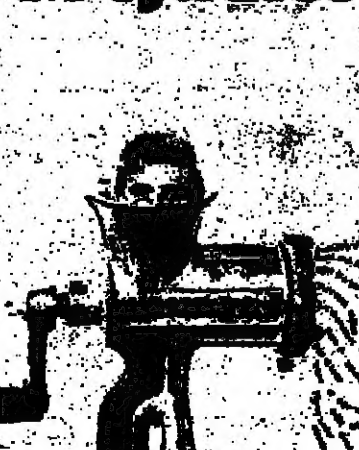
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SOME OF OUR politicians are literally going to the bottom of the ocean, in their attempt to gain election-season headlines. According to unimpeachable sources, people connected with both Deputy Premier David Levy and Labour Party leader Shimon Peres have been making separate soundings at the court of King Hassan of Morocco, to enlist Rabat's assistance — or at least acquiescence — in efforts to locate Dakar, the Israeli submarine which disappeared off the North African coast during its 1968 maiden voyage.

Both politicians, I have been informed, would like nothing better than to get the sub brought to the surface, and bring the bodies of its 69 missing crewmen back to Israel for burial just before the elections. But the two major parties are not the only ones who have sent out feelers to Morocco. I have been told that Charlie Biton, the Black Panther man in the Rakah-Democratic Front for Peace and Equality Knesset faction, also tried his luck in Rabat a couple of months back. Understandably, no one in the political establishment will make an on-the-record comment about the top-secret efforts.

According to the sources, the Dakar was among the matters discussed during the recent Israel visit of David Amar, the leader of the Casablanca Jewish community and a confidant of the Moroccan monarch. Amar met with Peres and Levy, and with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Labour's intermediary in Rabat reportedly is Tamar Golan, the *Motzav* Paris correspondent, who is said to have some good friends at the court of King Hassan.

Another Israeli with good Rabat connections is Sam Ben-Chetrit, a leader of the association of Moroccan Jews and chairman of the B'Yahad movement. When I called Ben-Chetrit in his Jerusalem office this week, he firmly denied having asked Hassan to do something about the Dakar.

OUR PRIME MINISTER may not be the most compelling public personality, but he certainly proved himself quietly lethal at this week's cabinet meeting. Shamir set a trap worthy of his Mossad and Lehi background for Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon, by refusing to let Ariel use the secret appendix to the Kahan Commission's report in his lawsuit against *Time* magazine.

Arik's reply was to step right in with a characteristically acrimonious outburst against his ministerial colleagues. The premier then delivered the *coup de grace*, calmly saying that the bellowing former defence minister had been "insinuating that Menachem Begin



Trying their luck with Rabat, the Likud's David Levy (left) and Labour's Shimon Peres.

Separate soundings

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had delivered him into the hands of the Labour rabble."

The Shamir people later put some icing on the cake, by letting it be known that Arik — in his headlong rush into the leadership contest — had sacrilegiously ignored Begin's request not to run, in a message delivered by first-born son Dr. Binyamin Ze'ev (Benny) Begin.

Meanwhile, Sharon continues to make the rounds of party meetings, arguing that a *troika* composed of himself, David Levy and Yoram Aridor would do better in the July 23 polls than the Shamir-Moshe Arens-Yigal Cohen-Orgad trio.

SPEAKING OF BEGIN, I've just been assured that the former premier is in good health. The source of this report is Begin's former secretary, Yona Klimovitzky, who now works in a Tel Aviv public relations agency, and keeps in close touch with her beloved boss.

When I met her midweek, Ms. Klimovitzky assured me that Begin was very much his old self and knew what was going on in the outside world, which he has refrained from entering for the past six months. Asked whether the founder of Herut might surprise us all by suddenly coming to the rescue of the Likud election campaign, Ms. Klimovitzky did not rule out such a dramatic entrance. "You know what a genius for timing he is. Never forget Menachem Begin's profound loyalty to his principles and to his party," she said with a telling nod.

Ms. Klimovitzky also recalled the jolly amblings of the Begin Prime Minister's Office. She related that after Begin's aide, Yehuda Avner

was informed that he would be nominated as Israel's envoy to the Court of St. James, the office staff conducted a mock rehearsal of Avner presenting his letters of credence to Queen Elizabeth, with Yona Klimovitzky standing in for the monarch.

NO ONE is handing out portfolios, even shadow portfolios, yet. But Ronnie Milo, the ever-so-talkative Likud Knesset faction chairman and a member of the circle closest to Shamir, has already declared his availability Milo told a Bar-Ilan University audience this week that he'd like to have the Justice Ministry, where the current incumbent is the Liberals' Moshe Nisim, but that he was ready to take any other job when Shamir forms his second government.

SHARON recently got cabinet approval for his \$10,000-a-talk U.S. lecture tour, on the grounds that he needed the money "to pay his lawyers." That must be in cases other than the one against *Time*, where Arnold Forster of the Shea and Gould office in New York says that his firm will take no fees from Sharon, "because we regard this case as a public service."

OUR IMMEDIATE past finance minister has never been on very good terms with the press. But he was even harsher than his custom this week, when a reporter asked him about his involvement in Ciskei, the South African apartheid "homeland" where the Scholleria textile firm is due to operate a newly built factory. Yoram Aridor, who has rebuilt his Tel Aviv law practice in the six months since he left the Treasury, replied curtly that "what I do in my private business is not the public's interest."

TOP PRIORITY for Labour's newly-elected campaign manager, ex-chief-of-staff Mordechai Gur is to put some order into the ranks of economic spokesmen. A good example of what could happen came this week, when Adl Amora's slip of the tongue about a planned Labour change in the status of Patam accounts sent alarm bells ringing. Party leaders were visibly perturbed by the report, particularly since the hard-working Labour whip on the Knesset Finance Committee is one of his party's most authoritative economic spokesmen.

Meanwhile, Gad Ya'acobi, who acts as if he is already Labour's finance minister-designate, has taken some steps to avoid the evil eye. "Anyone who seeks the Treasury is a kamikaze," he told a Tel Aviv audience this week. Some think that Ya'acobi, the minister of transport in the Rabin government, protests too much. Especially since he has already assembled a team to draft Labour's economic programme.

The Ya'acobi-led economic team looks like a reunion of alumni from the Pinhas Sapir Treasury. It includes two former governors of the Bank of Israel, Amos Gafny and Moshe Scharf; two ex-directors-general of the Finance Ministry, Avraham Agmon and Amram Sivan; Amos Mar-Haim, the former commerce and industry D-G; the Histadrut's Israel Kassar and Danny Rosoloff; and several professors, including Michael Bruno and Phyllis

Summan of the Hebrew University, and Eliza Berglas of Tel Aviv U.

AT THIS WRITING, it was not yet clear whether Abba Eban would clear the 60 per cent hurdle Labour has imposed on third-term-seeking MKs, and thus not reduce his chances to become Labour's candidate for foreign minister. But anyone who watched Eban's masterful performance in Cairo last week would be thinking seriously about the effect of losing such a valuable international asset.

Eban displayed his fluency in Arabic and English to all of Egypt's top people, and drew a most distinguished audience at a dinner tendered for him by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Batros Ghali. Among those on hand at the Ghali dinner were two former top men at the Egyptian Embassy in Tel Aviv — ex-ambassador Sa'ad Mortada, now getting ready to write his memoirs, and Dr. Ahmed Goma's, the former No. 2, who is now Ghali's political counselor. Also at the dinner were Israel's ambassador to Cairo, Moshe Sasson, and Prof. Shimon Shamir of the Cairo-based Israel Academic Centre. Shamir told me that he and his family plan to return home in the autumn, when he is due to be replaced by Tel Aviv University Prof. Gavriel Cohen.

WHILE IN CAIRO, Eban and his Egypt-born wife Sazy were only able to take a long-distance look at the old home of the Ambache family which today houses the Saudi Arabian Embassy.

Back home to his usual grueling schedule President Chaim Herzog encountered echoes of the first nine months of his life spent in Belfast (after which his father, Rabbi Yitzhak Halevi Herzog moved to Dublin to become Chief Rabbi of Ireland). Touring Ashdod port, he encountered Belfast resident Captain Ivor MacAllister of the SS Wanda freighter, who informed the president that he lives in Cliftonville Avenue, next to the old Herzog home. On the morrow, the president attended the football match in Ramat Gan between Israel and Ireland, where members of the visiting team greeted him in Gaelic, and he replied in the same tongue. He was told later that the Irish players had asked their hosts whether Israel's star Eli Ohana's original name was O'Hanna.

FRIENDS of Ezer Weizman hope he still has sufficient time to put his political act together. They fear he left all preparations until the last minute, trusting that perhaps Herut would finally beg him to return.

Few of the big names and big money promises have materialized. While former DMC MK Shlomo Eliezer is ready to leave his insurance-empire to join Yahad, others are not. Weizman has not exactly gone out of his way to court top-level people, as the following incident will illustrate. It seems that about a week ago Prof. Anita Shapiro, the Tel Aviv University historian of Labour Zionism, got a call from Weizman, wherein he asked her to join his Knesset list. She politely demurred, pointing out: "I have been a Labour supporter all my life."

Ezer's friends think he might at least have invited her to lunch. Ezer also needs a mediator between his two top warring pals, David Koifitz and Rami Ungar.

U.S. AMBASSADOR Samuel Lewis has been away this week. Press attache Arthur Berger told me that Lewis was at his alma mater, Princeton University, for an alumni weekend, where he delivered a lecture, apart from going to Washington for consultations.

It is not generally known that Lewis quit the U.S. foreign service in 1981 at the end of the Jimmy Carter Presidency, but stayed on through Ronald Reagan's first term at the White House under a special State Department contract. I gather that apart from Ambassador Mike Mansfield in Tokyo, Lewis is the only envoy to have served under both presidents. The dozen of the diplomatic corps in Israel is expected to wind up his diplomatic career this year.

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George, 282731.
Netanya: Itamar, 82 Petah Tikva, 40967.
Haifa: Balfour, 1 Masada, 662289; Harman,
K. Motzkin, 715136.

SATURDAY
Jerusalem: (day) Mount Olives, 287480;
Baitan, Salah Eddin, 272315; Shu'afat,
Shu'afat Road, 810108; Dar Eldawa, Herod's
Gate, 282028 (evening) Kupat Holim Cholim,
Remona, 521911.
Tel Aviv: Superpharm, Ramat Aviv, 40 Edo-
nein Benny, 174 Dizengoff, 222386 (evening)
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George, 282731.
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38053.
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Holim (internal, E.N.T.), Hadassah M.S.
(gynecology), Shaare Zedek (surgery,
orthopedics, ophthalmology).
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(gynecology).
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to 10 p.m. Tel. 05-284649.
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7 p.m.-9 p.m. Tel. 220985; Wednesday: 8 p.m.-
10 p.m. Tel. 530313; Thursday: 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
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p.m. 512593.
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Beer Sheva 78333 Petah Tikva *923111
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05-234819, Jerusalem — 510110, and Haifa
05791.
*Ezer — Mental Health First Aid, Tel.
Jerusalem 669911, Tel Aviv 253311, Haifa 538-
888, Beer Sheva 478111, Netanya 35316.

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14 Beilinson Rd.

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For rent, in Ramat Gan diamond market building, 300sq.m. approx. can be divided into 100sq.m. units, suitable for businesses and professionals. 04-55175.

Nahalat Yitzhak, hall for rent, 750q.m., 13 phone lines, 03-252969.

Beit Hata Asuyim, Tel Aviv, office room, 33sq.m. for sale or rent 03-783082.

Allenby-Nahalat, Binyamina, Levinsky, room, 30sq.m., phone, 03-52572.

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For sale, offices in modern, 3 story building under construction, Ramat Gan, Kikar Eilat. For details, Aviv Company, 112 Hayarkon, Tel Aviv, 03-507713.

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Karkur, 2 1/2 dunam for residential construction, Derech Habanim 03-527430.

Holon centre, half plot, 18 Shmuel Hanaged, amelioration, tabu, 03-527430.

Sharon, 2 1/2 dunam, excellent location, interesting plans, 03-775811, not Shabbat.

Urgently seeking plots for immediate construction, north Tel Aviv, Herzliya Pituah, Beit Yehonatan, 03-527430.

Herzliya Pituah, beautiful 4 dunam plot, Cohen-Levin Realty, Kikar Hatzion 03-557689.

Shops

Bat, 130sq.m. shops for sale and rent, can be partitioned from 30sq.m. 456479, 23096.

79 Ben Gurion, shop and gallery for monthly rental, 03-228987, 20,000, not Shabbat.

Ramat Aviv, luxurious store for immediate rental, phone, 150, 03-56161.

For rent, Rehov Eilat, store, gallery, power, front, 03-456362.

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Specialists for Gilo offer, 4, 53,000, F.I.C.I. Realty, 83, Maldan, 228096, 673740, 22919.

Old Katamon, Hahish, 4, 110sq.m., balconies, 2nd floor, exclusive to P.N.M., 03-232335.

Ben Hakerem, 4, huge, balconies, extras, 44,000, Mikbatz Realty, 242006-7.

Bayit Vagan, 2nd floor, spacious, 3 bedrooms, balcony, view, 92,000, Mikbatz Realty, 242006-7.

Rascoe, bargain, 3, roof, 300sq.m., 150,000, 3, beautiful, 70,000, Shalom, 240813, Maldan.

Old Katamon, Arab, garden, 70,000, 4, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, without agents, 231384-5.

Ramat Shariel, beautiful, view, storehouse, Yehudi Drot, without agents, 231384-5.

Green Colony, Arab house, 145q.m., with potential, 120,000, Sharon, 249566, 246643, Maldan.

Rascoe, Drucker, 4, terrace, 1st floor, 110,000, 863475, 232317.

Kiryat Yovel, Mahal, well-arranged, 177sq.m., storehouse, 105,000, Tivich, 232211-2-3-4.

Maslot Efram, 4, large, huge garden, view, patio, warehouses, construction possibility, Tivich, 232211-2-3-4.

Baka, 6, entire storey, 240sq.m., 3 large terraces, separate entrance, spacious storehouse, view, 235,000, King David, 634495.

Beit Hakerem (Shikun Harel), 4, garden, parking, tiled roof, Mikbatz Realty, 231443-4.

Airline ticket for two to Europe! For those buying during Passover campaign! Cottages, 4 + garden, Mahal, Adumim, from 554,960 + VAT, 150, 03-245446.

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Jewish Quarter, 6 flats, 100sq.m., for sale from 563,000, Moonshine, 232578, Maldan.

Kiryat Moshe, 4 rooms, huge kitchen, 2nd floor, 53,844, weekdays, 10,000-10,000.

German Colony, Arab style, 7, 240sq.m., entire storey, separate entrance, needs improvements, 210,000, Keys at King David, 664780, Maldan.

Beit Hakerem, 4, private heating, storehouse, view, immediate, 145,000, King David, 633036, Maldan.

Flats Wanted

Seeking 3, 4 room flat, ground floor or studio, separate entrance, long-term, Jewish Quarter 03-23889, evening, not Shabbat.

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For sale, Danish style, 2nd dining room suite, new, 6 chairs, extended seats 10, 5900, Tel: 71945, all week: 71945, not Shabbat or Pesach.

42sq. cupboards, white, like new + 6 dining chairs, 03-732526.

For sale, kitchen cupboard, complete, pine wood, from display, 249982.

Rustic clothes cupboard, formal, refrigerator, cupboard, new, 03-535308.

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Amor (freezer 170 years, use, 1538, 000) 03-669912.

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Casio organ and Sharp speakers, B.S.R. turntable and amplifier, 03-337020.

Clearance of home contents (American, Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 - 17:00, 33 Enok Refaim, 710966).

Bargain, apartment contents, furniture, electrical appliances, like new, 638186.

Bargain, Leica, Nikon, and Hasselblad cameras at American prices, and developing machines 03-811196.

Microwave, vacuum cleaner, wall cupboard, television tables, speaker stands, in packing, 03-242163.

General Electric 22 refrigerator, Miele washing machine, Caloric oven, automatic style lounge, bedroom suite, Sony video, television, 830820, not Shabbat.

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Hapaxier, new and used pianos, 13 Ben Shimon, 03-244166.

Now's the time to buy or recondition music, trumps, clarinets, and saxophones, and now's the time to buy professional service, Jerusalem Flute Manufacturers, Israel's largest manufacturer, exporter and importer, 03-281101.

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Siamese cat lost in Ramat Gader, the honest finder will be rewarded, 03-856946.

Pedigree basenji, bound, with certificates, to warm home, 630390.

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Wanted full time receptionist/telephone, fluent English and Hebrew, other languages and typing, Tel. Sunday, 14:00-18:00, Ambassador Real Estate, 668101.

Janitor required for Jerusalem high school, full time, P.O.B. 3590, Jerusalem.

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General Electric 22 refrigerator, Miele washing machine, Caloric oven, automatic style lounge, bedroom suite, Sony video, television, 830820, not Shabbat.

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Hapaxier, new and used pianos, 13 Ben Shimon, 03-244166.

Now's the time to buy or recondition music, trumps, clarinets, and saxophones, and now's the time to buy professional service, Jerusalem Flute Manufacturers, Israel's largest manufacturer, exporter and importer, 03-281101.

Pets

Siamese cat lost in Ramat Gader, the honest finder will be rewarded, 03-856946.

Pedigree basenji, bound, with certificates, to warm home, 630390.

Personnel

Situations Vacant

Wanted full time receptionist/telephone, fluent English and Hebrew, other languages and typing, Tel. Sunday, 14:00-18:00, Ambassador Real Estate, 668101.

Janitor required for Jerusalem high school, full time, P.O.B. 3590, Jerusalem.

Secretary required for shift work, with Hebrew and English, Hebrew typing, 413065.

Sales promoter for food branch required, preferably with car, experience and references, 03-533719, 03-533718, work hours.

Unskilled workers required, 03-533719, 03-533718.

Experienced typesetter required for computer typesetter in Hebrew and English, 03-533719.

Travel agency seeking travel clerk, 3 years experience, 528204-5.

Large dental laboratory seeks technician with experience, good conditions, income, 232628.

Business

Interested in doing cleaning, polish, and pest extermination work in apartments, 03-875545, Eilat.

Warehouses

For rent, 600 constructed, 1440 area, fenced, 055-32468, 055-21629.

Eilat Yehuda, 4, most beautiful, for sale-exchange, 553,000, 03-510206, 03-555782.

Herzliya Pituah, plot for sale, for 3 cottages, Rehovot, 03-553838.

Plot 6667, parcel 323, including plans, construction permit, Bnei Brak, 03-556388.

Herzliya Pituah, Eilat, 2 plots, 750sq.m., 108sq.m., 440sq.m., 590,000 Anglo-Saxon, 03-554443.

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Loan for salaried workers! Monthly payments, good terms, 03-944496.

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Monthly rental, 130sq.m., 2nd floor, power, 400amp, phone, 03-823352.

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Mevaseret, 3 rooms, 50sq.m. plot + building permit, 03-541531.

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Rascoe, 4, special, with 2 room adjacent flat, exit to garden, Tivich, 249366.

Bargain, auction, 2-level villa, 3 rooms, 2nd floor, 100sq.m., in villa area, in Ganim Eilat, 41396.

New Mevaseret, special, 3 levels, semi-detached, 03-541531.

Mevaseret, frame and internal partition, 4-level, semi-detached, garden, 08,000, Mikbatz Realty, 231443-4.

Bargain, houses and garden, construction, from 55,000, Tivich, 18117, mornings.

Luxurious villa, 350sq.m., view, for rent, Sharon, 249566, 246643.

Due to departure, prestigious area, 4, large garden, private heating, 130,000, Kedai, 222271, 249080-1.

2 level cottage, 150sq.m., exclusive to Sharon, 24260, 24663, Maldan.

Ramat, villa in semi-detached, Build Your Own Home, 300,000, immediate, exclusive to Lior, 231008, 245454.

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Maslot Dafna, 4, beautiful, balcony, storehouse, 70,000, Carmel Realty, 232093, Maldan.

Rascoe, Katamonim, bargain, 3, garden, 40,000, Hanceman Yoni, 33258, Maldan.

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A populist from Texas

By YOSEF GOELL/Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE BEGINNING of an election campaign in the United States is generally a period in which politicians, incumbents or hopefuls, start inundating Israel. Hitherto, most of the American politicians touching bases with Israel and with Ireland and Italy, the three ethnic 'I's' have come almost entirely from states such as New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, California, and latterly Florida.

These are states with a rather heavy concentration of Jews; and the Jewish vote there, as opposed to most of the rest of the U.S., can be crucial for politicians running for office in certain districts.

It was therefore intriguing to be invited to meet and interview a politician from Texas who was in Israel recently for a four-night, doing the traditional round. What was different was that Texas has a minuscule Jewish population — 70,000 out of 14 million — and that Jim Hightower is not running for office this year.

Hightower, the elected commissioner of agriculture, is at 41 an up-and-coming Democratic politician who comes from an old strain of Texas populism, very different from the high rollers portrayed across the world in *Dallas*.

The first answer to the question, "Why Israel, for a Texas politician?" is frankly the Jewish connection.

"Their numbers are small. Campaign money that Jews contribute is more regular than most is important, but not that important. The main point is the pronounced political activism of so many Jews."

Hightower, who was born and

raised in Dennison, and was educated in the northern part of the state, is far from being the farm yoke. He completed his M.A. in international relations at Columbia University and served for 10 years on the staff of Sen. Frank Yarborough in Washington.

He entered elective politics in 1979, when he ran for the Texas Railroad Commission (which, contrary to its name, is in charge of the all-important function of setting oil and gas prices in the state, which is America's major petroleum producer).

He lost by a nose but then went on to win in November 1982, when he ran for commissioner of agriculture.

CULTIVATING the Jewish interest is a long-range, east-your-bread-upon-the-water affair, but during his stay in Israel he met with political, farm and business makers and shakers all over the country to learn, and to broach some ideas for cooperation with Texas in the areas that are within the purview of his office.

"We're going back home with a suitcase full of good ideas, a list of valuable contacts and a strong commitment from Israeli officials and business leaders to work with us on cooperative ventures to benefit both Israel and Texas," he told us. "Israel and Texas might seem an odd couple at first. But the truth is that the two have much in common. The climate, the soil conditions, the shortage of water, the abundance of sun, the products we grow, are all practically the same. So far so good. It's when

Hightower waxed poetic and spoke of Israel as "one of the places that make government work," that what sounded like a good pitch became a little far-fetched.

WHAT HE WAS ABOUT on this visit was looking into such locally-developed ideas as the generation of electric power from cow manure at kibbutz Kfar Giladi ("We have a manure-to-methane project south of Austin, but the power aspect is intriguing"); drip irrigation for family-size farms; and Israel's experience in the highly-organized cooperative marketing of farm products.

During his visit, Hightower proposed the creation of an ad hoc Texas-Israel committee. "Such a committee, probably about 25 people from Israel and a similar number from Texas, would meet, choose a few areas of common interest, and pursue a joint project or two in each area," he said.

Hightower, who was accompanied on his trip by a Jewish activist in the Austin chapter of the Anti-Defamation League, Rick Goldberg, and by his personal assistant Ms. Mary Sanger, believes that populism is the coming political force in Texas and most of Middle America.

"We populist Democrats got the governorship out of the hands of the Republicans last time round. This time, the major challenge will be registering and getting out the vote of the minorities. Blacks make up 13 per cent of the Texas population, and Mexican Americans another 23 per cent. If we do our work well, Ronald Reagan doesn't stand a chance in Texas this November."

Making mail delivery profitable

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE AVERAGE Israeli would be hard put to say whether the country's telephone service or its postal service distresses him more.

Now that telecommunications have been removed from the government's begemony and made the business of a public company called Bezek, the groundwork has been laid for turning the mail service into public, profit-making operation as well. Communications Minister Yehuda Zilker optimistically predicts that the new company can be established by the end of 1984.

Others in the ministry suggest that April 1985 is the earliest likely date. Other countries have undergone similar revolutions in their mail service. The U.S. Postal Service was converted 13 years ago from a stumbling, inefficient, overstaffed, deficit-ridden operation into a smoothly running and profit-making government corporation. Thanks largely to mechanical mail sorting, it was cut from 740,000 to 579,000; instead of losing \$200 million a year, as it did in the early 1970s, it now turns a profit of over \$600 million annually.

The main secret of success at the U.S. Postal Service was the increase in the price of a first-class stamp from four cents a generation ago to the current 20 cents; the service has applied for an increase of three cents to go into effect before the end of this year.

Zvi Zilker, the new director-general of the Communications Ministry, concedes that mail service is not all that it should be. A technician-trained civil engineer and former mayor of Ashdod, he points to the problem of attracting and keeping an efficient staff as the main stumbling-block.

The country's 5,000 postal workers (an additional 1,500 work on a contractual basis running postal agencies and other services) are among the lowest paid in the civil service. Postmen must work difficult hours at a job that entails

considerable physical exertion. The work is often boring. Many staffers are close to retirement age. In addition, says Zilker, there is little opportunity for advancement, many do the same job for dozens of years.

The ministry's postal service has tried to attract students, among others, to postal jobs, but it has no more than a few dozen. Either they are discouraged by the low pay and status of the work, or their studies don't allow steady, year-round employment. This is unfortunate, says Zilker, because they are young and energetic enough to get the job done, and they know the foreign languages needed to decipher addresses on envelopes.

TOLD that *The Jerusalem Post* receives a steady stream of readers' letters complaining about the snail's pace of mail delivery, especially from abroad, Zilker says he would like to hear of specific cases so he can investigate.

Sometimes delays are caused at the unloading stage, when ships and planes arrive all at once, he says. Sometimes they are due to illegible writing. But he concedes that much can be done to improve the speed of delivery. Setting up a postal company will help, he says, because employees will eventually be entitled to higher pay — based on productivity — than they are today as civil servants. It will also bring in better educated and motivated staffers.

The price will be a real increase in postal fees. At present, the mails are a money-losing proposition. By the time the government raises the postal rates — a politically sensitive decision — the increases are usually eaten up by inflation. But the mushrooming number of private mail delivery services in recent years shows that many consumers — especially businesses — are willing to pay more for quick service.

Zilker, who was named director-general less than three months ago by Minister Zilker after working for

just two weeks as deputy director-general of the Airports Authority, says that it is the postal workers who surprisingly are objecting to the establishment of the public postal company. Although they stand to gain in most respects, they are fearful of changes in the existing system. The Histadrut has come out in favour of the company's establishment, and the labour federation is expected to persuade the workers to go along.

The new director-general denies that it is the Treasury that opposes the company, as was the case in the founding of Bezek. Perhaps he is right: telecommunications has always made money for the government; the postal services have always been highly subsidized and money losers.

Meanwhile, until the new postal company is founded, the ministry hopes to ease the problem of staff shortages by doubling the number of mail distribution centres to 120 this year. Located in shopping centres mainly in the new neighbourhoods, these centres supply post-office boxes to all residents, who pick up their mail while shopping at the local grocery or supermarket. Zilker promises that the number of rented post-office boxes, now in short supply, will also be increased in the coming year.

Instead of only 5 per cent of the mail being distributed through these centres, within a few years it should be about 40 per cent, while 60 per cent of the mails will be brought to one's mailbox at home.

The public will also be encouraged to use ZIP codes more than at present. Only some 40 per cent of all letters carry the postal code of the addressee — and most of those sending letters with the codes are banks and authorities, rather than ordinary citizens. Zilker suggests that everyone be sent a one-time gift of address labels that display one's ZIP code and that can be glued on to envelopes.

IT WAS the festive start of the 32nd annual Brotherhood Week. The theme this year: "Jewish Heritage in Germany — Message and Challenge."

In Worms, which harboured a flourishing Jewish community as early as the 11th century and is today *Judenrein*, gathered the dignitaries, including the prime minister of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate, the Israeli ambassador and the mayor of the town. Hundreds had come to listen.

The recent occasion was threefold: Brotherhood Week; the bestowal of the Buber-Rosenzweig medal to a Protestant clergyman and a Jewish historian; and the 950th anniversary of the Worms synagogue, the oldest Jewish structure in all of Germany.

Here TV cameras rolled incessantly. Almost unheeded by the media was another event, barely two weeks before the official opening of Brotherhood Week. A one-time synagogue (now used as a garage) in the Gerresheim district of Düsseldorf was set on fire. Two right-wing extremists (one a member of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party) were charged with arson. Swastikas, Stars of David under galleons, and anti-foreigner slogans had been painted on walls. Police spokesmen said the two will have to stand trial for arson, incitement and the use of Nazi symbols.

In Worms, Dr. Alois Mertes, Bonn's vice-minister for foreign af-

Brotherhood Week in Germany

Message and a challenge

By LEE BRANDEL/Special to the Jerusalem Post

fairs, represented the federal government. He thanked those Jews who had returned to live in Germany and said that in the discussion about national identity, he saw an opportunity and a duty to encourage, especially among young Germans, an interest in Jewish heritage and a sense of commitment to Israel. He stressed that Germans of the East and the West must also think in terms of their special responsibility toward the Jewish state.

The East was brought in because for the first time the Buber-Rosenzweig medal was awarded to two men living in the "other half" of Germany. The Protestant clergyman, Siegfried Theodor Arndt, 68, lives in Leipzig and the 71-year-old Jewish historian Helmut Eschwege in Dresden. The Coordinating Council of the Societies for Christian-Jewish Cooperation, the

sponsors of Brotherhood Week, gave them the award because they were "pioneers in dialogues and encounters between Jews and Christians in the German Democratic Republic." Recently there have been dramatic developments of closer relations between the two Germanies, and thus the choice for this year's award seemed all the more significant.

The Buber-Rosenzweig medal has been awarded yearly since 1968. Among its recipients have been authors Friedrich Dürrenmatt, the late Manes Sperber and Isaac Bashevis Singer, and theologian Shalom Ben-Horin of Israel.

AT THE recent award ceremony, Bernhard Vogel, the prime minister of Rhineland-Palatinate, noted that anti-Semitism still exists in Germany. He attributed this to insufficient knowledge of history, biased

opinions and preconceived notions. In 1933, he said, his province had 15,000 Jewish residents organized in 40 communities. Today the figures are 700 Jews in five communities. His audience included 26 Jewish natives of Worms, invited for the occasion. They now live on five continents. In 1934, the Jews of Worms, still confident of their future, celebrated the 900th anniversary of their synagogue. The Nazis burned it down only four years later. It was rebuilt in 1961.

There are 53 societies for Christian-Jewish cooperation throughout Germany, with three national chairmen from the clergy — a Catholic, a Protestant and a Jew. The Catholic chairman, Father Paul Eckert, who was the first to speak at the Worms event, appealed to all Christians and Christian churches to be on the lookout for and to overcome anti-Semitism.

The arson at the former synagogue in Gerresheim drew condemnation from the Düsseldorf Christian-Jewish Society, which noted: "What happened in Gerresheim has happened in our country too often. Whoever considers these misdeeds of the neo-Nazis to be insignificant pranks has no notion of the fear and the nightmares of the Jewish citizens who went through hell and escaped only by a hair's breath... We ask everyone to be on the watch that a new collective shame does not overcome us at a time when the old barely begins to pale."

Inspired by the Rambam

Jerusalem Post Reporter

WHEN THE Bank of Israel issued the new 151,000 note with the likeness of Maimonides, it reminded Israelis of the accomplishments of Moshe ben Maimon, the illustrious medieval physician-scholar of the post-Talmudic era.

"Between Moses and Moses there has never arisen in Israel another Moses" — so goes the famous phrase.

For Bert (Baruch) Strassburger, no banknote was necessary to remind him of Maimonides, (the "Rambam"). Strassburger, who lives in Frankfurt, was inspired by the Rambam's greatness in his youth, and since then has been devoting his spare time to studying the writings of Maimonides, and learning about his life. Strassburger's two sons studied and married in Israel, where they now make their homes.

Recently, Strassburger published his own book on Maimonides, *The Rambam, his Life and his Work*. The work — in English and Hebrew — has been catalogued by six major libraries in the U.S.

In a recent interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Strassburger said of the Rambam:

"Even though his philosophical masterpiece *Mishneh Torah* has turned him into a world celebrity, my personal opinion is that the *Mishneh Torah* still remains for us Jews his most important work. Already in my youth I was fascinated by the



Bert (Baruch) Strassburger shows his work to President Chaim Herzog

Mishneh Torah, and until this very day it remains incomprehensible to me how one man could have created such a powerful masterpiece."

NOW, to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the birth of Maimonides, Strassburger has decided to bring to the world an English-language edition of the world-famous illuminated manuscript of the *Mishneh Torah* (Code of Halacha). This ancient manuscript was executed in 1295/96, with the location of the scribe still a mystery as scholars differ on this point. But one fact is uncontested — that it was completed 92 years after the death of the Rambam. It is probably the oldest extant complete manuscript of the *Mishneh Torah*.

The four-volume manuscript — on vellum — was discovered about 100 years ago by Moravian scholar David Kaufmann in the Trieste Collection of Padua (Italy). He acquired the *Codex Maimuni* and after his death it was passed to the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest, where it is now located.

Stirred by the majesty of this codex, Bert Strassburger is now publishing his 176-page edition of the work including 69 pages of the illuminated Kaufmann *Mishneh Torah* as it is known the world over. (*The Jerusalem Post* has acquired sole distribution rights for the new edition in Israel. In the U.S., it will be distributed by a renowned Jewish educational organization.)

The facsimile edition is life-sized — 473mm x 324mm — and includes a prologue by Isadore Twersky, professor of Hebrew literature and philosophy at Harvard University, and director of its Center for Jewish Studies; a comprehensive essay on *Mishneh Torah* by Professor Alexander Scheiber, director of the Jewish Theological Seminary of Hungary; an appreciation of Maimonides by Joshua Blau, professor of Arabic language and literature at Hebrew University of Jerusalem; an explanation and description of the illuminated pages of the *Codex* by Gabrielle Sed-Rajna, of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in Paris; and the epilogue was written by Sholomo Pines, professor of philosophy (Jewish and general) at Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

IN A BROADCAST over Israel Radio's Hungarian-language service in January, it was noted that "Strassburger is a Hungarian Jew from Transylvania who had his first taste of Maimonides' theses when he attended the Szekelyhid yeshiva as an adolescent."

"Strassburger, a well-known philanthropist, not only has financed this monumental work but also took an active part in its planning and editing. He also enlisted famous scholars who in their contributions cast new light on the subject and enrich the work with their theories and interpretations."

"With his excellent feel for these matters, he suggested that the front-

ispiece of the Book of Sowing serve as the jacket for the English version of *Codex Maimuni*. This was a fortunate choice.

"After all, since ancient times agricultural land, sowing and harvesting have been synonymous with life, creation and abundance. In the same way, the splendid graphic depiction of David and Goliath, which adorns the jacket, symbolizes the struggles and victories of the Jewish people."

"With this most valuable work a spiritual door, through which there flows the inspiration of Judaism's greatest scholar whose lofty and humanistic ideas have come down to us through the ages, has opened up before the millions of English-speaking people throughout the world."

"Is there any worthier intellectual and spiritual deed than to present to the public such an exceptional book? It is an act of which not only Bert Strassburger but also all of Hungarian Jewry can be proud."

In his prologue to the Strassburger *Codex Maimuni*, Professor Twersky writes: "This volume dramatically symbolizes the unity and universality of the Jewish historical experience... Consequently, by pondering the history of this beautiful memento, by identifying the various hands and reflecting upon the identity and significance of the authors... the reader will fuse an intellectual gesture, an aesthetic delight, and an historical experience..."

HERUT-LIBERALS

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Deputy Premier David Levy, Knesset chairman Yoram Aridor, and Knesset faction chairman Ron Milo. The meeting will be in Betzudat Ze'ev, Herut headquarters.

Herut is concerned that the Liberal list will again include those whom Herut considers "unknown political quantities and a variety of unreliable who would betray the Likud."

Herut, which views the Liberals as free-loaders elected on Herut ballots, troublemakers and potential traitors, blames the Liberals for the early elections, since the vote of Liberal Yitzhak Berman tipped the scales against the coalition.

A leading Herut minister told *The Jerusalem Post*: "It is unthinkable that the Liberals should again tack onto the list people who do not accept the party platform and will do all they can to trip the Likud. We have suffered from the trouble they have caused for years and if we do not put a stop to it now, we never will. These people are, after all, elected by Herut votes, and it is the height of impudence for them to use us to get into the Knesset and then spit in our faces."

The minister added: "It is only right for the senior partner of a political block, and the partner who

brings in the vastly overwhelming portion of the vote, to have some say on the list it is fielding. There is no way Herut will settle for less. If the Liberals cannot put their house in order, someone else has to see to it that the unruly state of Liberal affairs does not damage the entire Likud."

Some Herut members propose that the party issue an ultimatum to the Liberals to live up to their four-year-old commitment to unify the Likud into one political entity. Thus, no party would have a guaranteed ratio of Knesset candidates. The Liberals entered the Tenth Knesset with 18 MKs, which is regarded as far above what they could hope to win independently.

Meanwhile, sources close to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir denied that he opposes revising the Gahal Agreement. They admitted to *The Post* that Shamir sent Liberal leaders a written undertaking "not to alter the agreement unilaterally. But this does not mean that both parties cannot reach an understanding on a situation that has become intolerable for almost two decades," they said.

The Shamir letter to the Liberals was written six months ago, when he put his government together and had to avoid a Liberal threat to the shaky coalition.

SHAMIR

(Continued from Page One)

Tehiya three years ago, but are still nominally Herut members, are also believed to have voted for Sharon.

But Sharon's luckiest break was the low voter-turnout, which was immediately interpreted as an ill omen for Shamir. The Sharon supporters are considered more fanatic, and sure to come to the polls and cast their ballots. The Shamir supporters took his victory for granted, and many, especially from distant outlying areas, were too complacent to make the trip to the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds.

This made the percentage of the Sharon vote greater than it would have been had the turnout been fuller.

The result is a serious blow to Shamir, who expected a much more convincing vote of approval for his leadership. For the first time in Herut's history, it is clear that the party is being led by someone who does not command a vast and unwavering following.

One of the sorriest men in the Herut leadership last night must have been Levy. It was abundantly clear that much of the Sharon vote came from his own camp, and he is believed to have had second thoughts over his own decision not to challenge Shamir.

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CAESAR'S VILLAGE

THE GUIDE-BOOKS and the guides have always pointed to it meaningfully; but for the average visitor, Jerusalem's Citadel, probably more often than not, has been a confusing, unesthetic and basically uninteresting assemblage of stones and holes in the ground.

The one message clearly sounded by the jumble of historical periods resting on each other's bones was the depressing one of successive civilizations giving way to the sword.

That message may not have been altered much, but the recently completed excavations and facelift of the ancient fortress abutting Jaffa Gate have succeeded in making it comprehensible, attractive and a major tourist site offering an unusual view of history stubbornly repeating itself, for want of a better script, on the same small parcel of ground for 2,000 years.

It was only a few months ago that the excavations, carried out inside the citadel by Renee Sivan and Giora Soler were completed after some five years of digging. The gashes they had cut into the site only compounded the upheaval created by previous Israeli archaeologists and by British archaeologists before them. However, the recent digs uncovered 80 per cent of all archaeological finds in the Citadel to date, according to Sivan, who is also curator of the museum on the site.

Three million dollars have already

Facelift for a fortress

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

been invested in restoration work through the Jerusalem Foundation. Although far from complete, it had gone a long way towards changing the Citadel courtyard from a rock quarry to a national monument.

WHEN WORK on the Tower of David-Jerusalem City Museum is completed — hopefully, late next year — it will include three additional permanent exhibitions: one on Moslem architecture, to be housed in the former mosque beneath the famed minaret; another on Jerusalem's urban development in the tower; and the third on Crusader dress, which may be enjoyed while lunching in a cafeteria to be opened in a Crusader hall. The museum already contains permanent exhibitions on the dress of Jerusalem's ethnic communities and on the excavations.

It is, however, the Citadel itself

which is the museum's principal exhibit. During a recent tour of the partially restored site, district archaeologist Dan Bahat pointed out the line of fortifications cutting diagonally through the courtyard from the Tower of David at one end towards the minaret on the other. This line, and not the present city walls, formed Jerusalem's outer fortification on the north-west until the Crusader period nine centuries ago. The reason, he explained, was a wadi stream running from the area of today's Petra Hotel inside Jaffa Gate in the direction of the minaret. The excavations have now clearly exposed the course of the wadi.

The Hasmoneans were the first to fortify this vulnerable corner of ancient Jerusalem in the second century BCE. The excavations have revealed hundreds of ballista stones and arrowheads, apparently remnants of the year-long siege by the Seleucid ruler, Antiochus VII. The recent digs have exposed remains of houses from that period, just inside the Hasmonean wall.

Herod, as was his way, improved on his predecessors by reinforcing the walls and building three massive towers, which Josephus says "were for largeness, beauty and strength beyond all that were in the



Line of old wadi cutting through heart of the Citadel can be clearly seen in this photograph. David's Tower, left centre, anchors line of fortifications dating from Hasmonean times.

habitable earth." Although the old Jerusalem model displayed at the Holyland Hotel shows the three towers forming a triangle, Bahat leaves open the possibility that they were in a line.

The impressive remains of one of them still dominates the Citadel and is known, at least to cognoscenti, as the Tower of David, a designation applied to it in Byzantine times even though it has no connection with David but was actually built by Herod.

In recent centuries, the name has generally been transferred to the minaret of the 17th-century mosque, even becoming a major motif of Jewish iconography symbolizing the ancient homeland.

Numerous tiles bearing the stamp

of the Roman Tenth Legion which captured and then garrisoned Jerusalem confirm Josephus' account of the area's serving as a Roman camp. The recent excavations have uncovered remains of a round tower built during the early Arab period (638-1099 CE) when, according to Sivan, an enclosed citadel was created by walling in the site on the east.

Because of the relative rarity of finds from this period, the Arab remains have been preserved rather than peeled off to expose Second Temple period remains below.

THE MIDDLE AGES saw the Citadel rebuilt by the Crusaders and Mamelukes, the archaeologists finding it difficult to distinguish the respective remains. It was they who crossed the wadi that had formerly served as the western city boundary, in order to expand the Citadel. Around the fortress, the Crusaders created an artificial wadi — the moat that still exists today. It was the Turks under Suleiman the Magnificent who, in the 16th century, put the final touches to the Citadel, with repairs and additions.

Although the British established a Palestine Folk Museum in the Citadel in 1941, the ancient fortress reverted to its original use under the Jordanians. It served as a military camp, and its ramparts, reinforced with concrete firing positions, were used by the Jordanians in the Six Day War.

Excavations are still going on in the eastern moat. A monumental staircase that might be part of Herod's palace, which covered much of the site, or of some royal tomb, has been uncovered, as well as part of a thick wall. The latter may be part of the broad city wall

from King Hezekiah's time (eighth century BCE), whose traces archaeologist Nahman Avigad found more than 100 metres to the east, in the Jewish Quarter.

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Cryptic

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

ACROSS

- 1 Italian brothers in law? Sounds very like it (7, 3, 5)
- 9 Perhaps office in a mess after she starts working there (7)
- 10 Won't walk like this on purpose (7)
- 11 Do some totting up in a ship before 6. How noble! (9)
- 12 Stop one beating the life out of us (5)
- 13 Fired NASA employees wanting a rise! (7)
- 15 Cutters not used in cases like these (7)
- 17 Remove car's bodywork? Leave it alone! (7)
- 19 Got cash for an investment bond, possibly; that does it! (7)
- 21 What one does to get free timed food (5)
- 23 Vernon in gun-play? No, fed, it being scary (9)
- 25 Show reason for doing something with ulterior motive! (7)
- 26 Leaves brewer to prepare them for the pot-man when it arrives (3,4)
- 27 Going to do this conjuring trick! (12, 5)

DOWN

- 1 Get well treated, maybe (7)
- 2 Outfoxes them in a dangerous situation (5)
- 3 City capitalists? (8)
- 4 Gets material down by the water, as it were (7)
- 5 Could one say, does some bad overtake! (7)
- 6 Fish in the Elbro — a chub (5)
- 7 Cracked cups were filled at his party! (3, 6)
- 8 St. Peter converted these wicked little creatures (7)
- 14 Not stopping for good! (9)
- 16 Should do this to an audience — a good turn (9)
- 17 Being so very short of hand! (7)
- 18 Deliberately put something at the bottom of the sea, coal container (7)
- 19 Without the help of one senior government man, get to church (7)
- 20 In a word, plan to give it to somebody (7)
- 22 Getting rid of his remains his job (5)
- 24 Those who've gone off Spain may holiday here (5)

Quickie

ACROSS

- 1 Place named after a festival (9, 6)
- 9 Area of N Europe (7)
- 10 Not extreme (7)
- 11 Lasting indefinitely (9)
- 12 Soft stuff for sweets (5)
- 13 Cared for horses at inns (7)
- 15 Bills sent by letter (7)
- 17 Office workers (7)
- 19 Stripped (7)
- 21 Astound (5)
- 23 Made up of military planes (3, 6)
- 25 Worked up (7)
- 26 Type of sailing ship (7)
- 27 When shops work half time (5, 7, 5)

DOWN

- 1 West Indian song (7)
- 2 More mature (5)
- 3 Marjans (9)
- 4 Drives crazy (7)
- 5 Began (7)
- 6 Supporter for books (5)
- 7 Deserted (9)
- 8 Eg. slimmers (7)
- 14 An entertainer (3,6)
- 15 Oriental person (9)
- 17 Used in circus act (7)

Yesterday's Solutions

ACROSS

- 1 Noddy
- 2 Green
- 3 Lashar
- 4 Vogue
- 5 12
- 6 Flame
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Renewed falls close out poor week

EL AVIV. — Shares fell quite sharply yesterday, but bond prices rose as a result of support by the Bank of Israel.

The share market registered a decline for the second day running, providing an unhappy end to one of the most disappointing weeks on record. While the size of the declines was nowhere near as great as last week, the appealingly low volume — in the order of \$2.5 billion daily — was the major factor which weighed on the market.

In situations such as these, where a buying interest is forthcoming even with the attraction of cheap prices, professionals speak of the market as "falling under its own weight"; any selling pressure causes prices to sink.

The constant stream of commissions publishing reduced profits and more commonly, losses, certainly provides no incentive to potential investors to start building up positions in shares. Furthermore, the common wisdom that things will get worse after the elections, rather than better, encourages people to "sit on the fence" and not assume the risks inherent in equity investment.

So prevalent are these assumptions and fears regarding the future, that no serious analyst can be found to challenge the consensus view.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

True contrarians please take note. The share market at least has the advantage of reflecting the way the investing public thinks, because it responds to buying and selling orders by moving up and down accordingly. This is no more than one might expect from a free market.

In the bond market, however, market forces are overridden by the financial muscle of the Bank of Israel. This is true of the bank shares covered by the "arrangement" as well, since these are now government obligations no less than the "traditional" bonds. In both these sectors, the central bank operates a policy of crude interventionism in order to produce yields which will allow it to market new bond issues.

This is the background to yesterday's bond trading, which saw total turnover of IS976 million in the various sorts of bonds registered. This figure was almost twice that of the share volume, and represented sales by the public and the institutions, and corresponding purchases by the Bank of Israel representative

with little or no change in price. After the collapse of the bank shares last October, we have all become wise and learned and we know that it is impossible to channel the market in a specific direction forever. No one will play along with the Bank of Israel in its designs; on the contrary, if the distortion continues, more and more bondholders will line up against it. The basic rule that "no one is bigger than the market" has been shown to apply even in Tel Aviv, and one can only hope that the Bank of Israel and the Treasury will not ignore the bitter lessons so recently learned.

In terms of statistics, if the IS211m. traded in the "arrangement" shares is added to the IS976m. in bonds, the ratio of 4:1 in bond volume compared to share volume is a fair indication of how the markets are trading. Given the disinclination to take risks by buying shares, most fund managers are directing their investments or meeting their redemption obligations through the bond market, where they have the advantages of liquidity and a willing buyer ready to purchase any quantity without a significant drop in price.

Share prices, as noted, reacted to renewed selling pressures with across-the-board falls. A total of 295 shares fell and only 69 rose, with 114 issues down by more than 5 per cent and 35 others listed "sellers only". The corresponding figures on the upside were 21 sharp risers and 4 buyers only.

Clal (Israel) announced a small real profit for 1983. (See story on page 3.) The company is to issue 100 per cent bonus shares.

Clal Real Estate: This Clal subsidiary reported a small rise in income from IS103.9m. to IS142.5m., with nominal profits down from IS72.7m. to IS47.5m. The company showed a profit of IS10.5m. after adjustment for inflation.

Israel Cables and Wires reported a three-fold increase in sales in 1983, but these brought a nominal loss of IS172.6m. which grew to IS326.5m. after adjustment. In 1982 the company made a small profit in both real and nominal terms.

Most active stocks

Leumi stock	3670	IS75.0m.	-13
Hapoelim r.	4151	IS54.3m.	n.c.
Mizrahi r.	2546	IS23.1m.	n.c.
Stocks traded:	15517.6m.		
Bonds	IS976.7m.		
Stocks up	295	down 69	

Nilit moving into technopolymer

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Nilit factory in Migdal Ha'emek which exported nylon filaments valued at \$30 million last year, is now moving heavily into the production of technopolymer. This substance is used as a raw material in plastics injection plants and as filaments for the electronic and vehicle industries.

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DM	63.6974	62.9124
French FR	20.7201	20.4647
Dutch G	56.4933	55.7971
Swiss FR	76.8633	75.9160
Norwegian KR	22.0894	21.8271
Denish KR	17.3242	17.1107
Finish MK	29.7402	29.3737
Canadian \$	130.3727	128.7659
Australian \$	153.3835	151.4931
Belgian Con (10)	31.1598	30.7756
Belgian Fin (10)	30.1742	29.8023
Austrian Sch (10)	90.5789	88.4836
Yen (100)	74.5137	72.5954
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Dutch G	2.9470/80	2.9470/80	2.9470/80
French FR	8.0340/90	8.0340/90	8.0340/90
Norwegian KR	161.5018/50	161.5018/50	161.5018/50
Denish KR	9.8100/50	9.8100/50	9.8100/50
Finish MK	7.6338/68	7.6338/68	7.6338/68
Swedish KR	7.7725/75	7.7725/75	7.7725/75
Belgian Fin	55.141/9	55.141/9	55.141/9
Belgian Con	53.424/5	53.424/5	53.424/5

Commercial Banks
(not part of "arrangement")

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Maritime 0.1	1800	319	n.c.	—
Maritime 0.5	217	664	-20	-8.4
N. American 1	5557	65	-56	-1.0
N. American 5	4486	49	-72	-1.6
N. am up 1	3610	87	-15	-4.1
Danot 1	448	s.o.l.	-34	-5.1
Danot 5	94	s.o.l.	-5	-5.0
Danot 10	229	157	-25	-9.8
First Int'l 0.5	260	1454	-34	-8.5
FIBIS	324	7115	-36	-10.0

Commercial Banks
(part of "arrangement")

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
IDB r.	6160	300	n.c.	—
IDB 5	6360	4	n.c.	—
IDB p. 1	3780	2	n.c.	—
IDB p. 11	4680	278	n.c.	—
Discount 0.1	8100	2	-150	-1.9
Discount 0.2	7910	106	n.c.	—
Discount 0.5	940	20	n.c.	—
Mizrahi 0.1	2546	908	n.c.	—
Mizrahi 5	2590	4	+20	+0.8
Mizrahi up 11	no trading			
Mizrahi up 12	1892	53	-8	-0.4
Mizrahi up 6	20800	—	-2200	-9.6
Mizrahi up 9	3206	3	n.c.	—
Hapoelim p.	4151	1308	n.c.	—
Hapoelim h.	4190	226	n.c.	—
Hapoelim up 8	15600	—	-900	-5.5
General up 5	10200	31	n.c.	—
General up 9	2200	—	-1124	-4.2
General up 5	10200	1	-449	-4.2
General up 9	8280	2	-200	-2.4
Leumi 0.1	318	67	n.c.	—
Leumi 0.5	2810	—	-3	-0.1
Leumi up 9	3560	10	-140	-3.8
Leumi up 11	1055	109	n.c.	—
Finance Trade	3665	26	n.c.	—
Finance Trade 5	1845	—	-200	-9.3
Finance Tr up	3440	5	-39	-1.2

Mortgage Banks

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Adamim 0.1	1100	30	-25	-2.2
Gen. Mortgage	1343	250	-12	-0.9
Gen. Mortgage 5	1429	9	-3	-0.2
Carmel r.	789	s.o.l.	-41	-4.9
Carmel up	no trading			
Carmel deb	122	-4	-2.6	-2.1
Dev. Mortgage r.	430	490	-10	-2.3
Dev. Mortgage h.	430	34	-50	-11.6
Dev. Mort up	369	44	-31	-7.8
Mishkan r.	3400	3	n.c.	—
Indemort	2590	4	n.c.	—
Indemort 5	1350	2	-20	-1.5
Tefahot r.	1200	60	-20	-1.6
Tefahot deb. 1	618	48	-1	-0.2
Tefahot deb. 2	317	838	n.c.	—
Jayour 0.1	219	17	-1	-0.5
Jayour 5	220	30	-10	-4.4
Jayour up	138	194	n.c.	—
Menav r.	285	s.o.l.	-15	-5.0

Real Estate, Building

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Oren	197	51	-10	-4.8
Averim Prop	217	95	+4	+1.9
Azotim up E	166	922	-8	-4.6
Elion	99	91	-7	-7.7
Elion up	47	125	-7	-13.6
Elion 0.5	134	185	-4	-2.9
El-Rov 5	99	600	-3	-3.4
Amnionim	152	s.o.l.	-10	-5.1
Amnionim up	130	45	-2	-1.5
Africa Int 0.1	2501	13	-34	-1.3
Africa Int 1.0	2030	—	-4	-0.2
Azazim	156	—	-19	-10.8
Azazim up	152	27	-2	-1.1
Aradim 0.1	650	1	-10	-1.6
Aradim 0.5	420	292	-4	-1.0
Ben Yakar 1	526	75	-36	-6.9
Ben Yakar up	195	33	-34	-14.9
Baranowitz 1	110	215	-8	-6.8
Baranowitz 5	108	200	+4	+3.9
Baranowitz up	93	415	-4	-4.3
Danker	162	114	n.c.	—
Druker 1	221	754	-1	-0.5
Druker 5	94	173	-5	-5.5
Druker up	111	158	-4	-3.5

Financial Institutions

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Shilon r.	93	882	-5	-5.1
Shilon up B	1748	—	—	—
Agriculture A	13994	—	-300	-2.1
Agriculture C	14800	—	-300	-2.1
Leumi Ind	1230	45	n.c.	—
Leumi Ind b	1235	50	-15	-1.2
Dev. Mort r.	8550	2	-250	-3.0
Dev. Mort b	39000	—	—	—
Dev. Mort C	24000	—	—	—
Dev. Mort CC	22600	—	—	—
Dev. Mort D	21589	—	—	—
Dev. Mort DD	7283	—	—	—
Contravinc	152	102	+1	+0.7
Tourism	16900	—	—	—
Leumi Ind 0.1	296	25	-28	-9.5
Leumi Ind 0.5	296	25	-28	-9.5
Clal Lease 0.5	262	14	-51	-19.1
Clal Lease deb	1039	11	-1	-0.1

Insurance

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Archev r.	540	110	-60	-10.0
Archev up	430	131	-65	-13.1
Archev deb	3990	3	-110	-2.7
Archev 0.1	947	s.o.l.	-50	-5.0
Archev 0.5	347	39	-7	-2.1
Reinsur 0.1 r.	700	21	-61	-8.0
Reinsur 0.5 r.	301	70	-14	-4.6
Hadar 1	315	86	+5	+1.6
Hadar 5	165	214	n.c.	—
Hachem 0.1	485	592	n.c.	—
Hachem 0.5	1175	s.o.l.	-62	-5.0
Phoenix 0.5 r.	435	105	n.c.	—
Hamishmar 1	730	8	n.c.	—
Hamishmar 5	660	23	n.c.	—
Hamishmar up	1230	28	+30	+10.0
Yardenia 0.1 r.	149	s.o.l.	-8	-5.1
Yardenia 0.5 r.	113	s.o.l.	-8	-6.6
Yardenia up 2	1270	8	-30	-2.3
Menorah 1	323	111	n.c.	—
Menorah 5	1350	17	-66	-4.7
Securities r.	237	449	n.c.	—
Zur 1	618	s.o.l.	-32	-4.9
Zion Hold. 1	360	19	-40	-10.0
Zion Hold. 5	148	84	-1	-0.7

Trade & Services

Trade

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Meir Etra up	349	249	n.c.	—
Teta 1	214	s.o.l.	-11	-4.9
Teta 5	130	199	-10	-7.1
Teta up	70	897	+10	+16.7
Clal Trade	315	198	-35	-10.0
Clal Trade up	488	48	-72	-12.9
Crytal 1	271	151	-1	-0.5
Rapac 0.1	1250	18	n.c.	—
Rapac 0.5	211	46	-26	-11.0
Supenol 2	854	26	+11	+1.3
Supenol B 10	410	819	n.c.	—
Supenol C	419	30	-85	-16.9

Services

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Delek r.	2300	225	+5	+0.2
Harel 1	856	37	+1	+0.1
Harel 5	488	s.o.l.	-19	-4.9
Lighterage 0.1	no trading			
Lighterage 0.5	14444	—	-1572	-9.8
Cold Store 1	10600	10	-600	-6.0
Israel Elec. r.	535	127	-35	-6.3
Bond Ware 0.1	392	120	n.c.	—
Bond Ware 0.5	212	229	-12	-5.4
Consort Hold 1	357	261	n.c.	—
Consort 0.5	296	421	n.c.	—
Consort up A	6	-13	-4.9	-4.9
Kopel 1	270	10	+20	+8.0
Kopel 5	133	5	n.c.	—

Supersol 2	854	26	+11	+1.3
Supersol B 10	410	819	n.c.	—
Supersol on C	419	30	-85	-16.9
Services				
Delek r	2300	225	+5	+2
Harel I	856	37	+1	+1
Harel S	408	b.o.2	+19	+4.9
Ligherage 0.1			no trading	
Ligherage 0.5			no trading	
Gold Store I	14644		-1572	-9.8
Cold Store I	10000	10	+600	+6.0
Bond Ware 0.1			no trading	
Bond Ware 0.5	392	120	n.c.	-6.3
Bond Ware 1	213	229	-12	-5.4
Consort Hold I	357	261	n.c.	—
Consort Hold 2	296	42	n.c.	—
Consort on A	253	6	-13	-4.9
Kopel I	270	10	+20	+8.0
Kopel on I	535	5	n.c.	—

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Already campaigning

NO SOONER was the election date set than Premier Shamir and his two key ministers righteously proclaimed that electioneering and policymaking would be kept rigorously apart. The Defence Minister, Moshe Arens, asserted that there would be no premature pullback from Lebanon in order to win favour at the ballot-box. And Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad pledged there would be no "election economics," but rather a dogged pursuit of the previous policy of restraint.

It sounded too altruistic to be true. These two issues after all, Lebanon and the Economy, are the principal preoccupations of the electorate.

But the government itself apparently realized that too bald an attempt at eleventh-hour cosmetic tampering might well backfire. Former Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's deliberately induced consumer bonanza of 1981 was too crude a trick to play twice on a public still reeling from the direct consequence of that spree and the 1983 crisis which is still with us. And a Lebanon withdrawal conveniently timed for the last stage of the election campaign would inevitably deepen the doubts about what the IDF has been doing there until now.

The upshot, however, is not an abstinence from election-oriented policymaking. Rather what is emerging is a more sophisticated — and therefore more insidious — blend of politics and policies.

In the economy there has been a deft, untrumpeted slowdown in the rise of prices for government services. The money-printing presses are pouring forth their paper pacifiers. The pre-Passover C-o-L advance signifies a softening of the government's determination to cut back income. And the new investment plans offered for people whose government loans mature this year, and who would otherwise lose much of their worth to hyperinflation, are another indicator of Mr. Cohen-Orgad's determination to cheer the economic atmosphere before election day.

In Lebanon the rejection of an early pullback, after weeks of planning and preparation by the army, seems itself, on close analysis, to be a decision tinged by electoral considerations. For staying put is also an act of policy, and it may well be motivated by the electoral fear of rockets landing again on northern Galilee just as polling day approaches.

Mr. Shamir pledged when he took office that the Lebanon War was in its "final stage." Now, because of the election campaign, that stage may be needlessly prolonged. The government's policymaking has petrified. The costs and the physical risks have not.

To cap it all there is now ostensibly to be a new spurt of West Bank settlement. Professor Ne'eman of Tehiya and Mr. Muttiyahu Drobless, Herut's head of the WZO Settlement Department, are vying with each other to impress the ultra-right.

Fortunately, much of the brouhaha is phoney: There is neither time nor money to translate the settlement committee's latest blueprints into concrete before July.

But in one important respect the exercise already threatens to be a success: For it fits into the Likud's campaign strategy to divert public attention and political debate from the painful issues of Lebanon and the economy to the old hackneyed arguments over Eretz Yisrael.

It is up to the Opposition and the public at large not to let themselves be fooled.

Labour's economics

By MEIR MERHAV

ELECTIONS are decided by the undecided — those who, by definition, are no fervent believers in Greater Eretz Yisrael, are as tired of the Lebanon imbroglio as everybody else, and dismayed at the way the country has been governed and the state to which the economy has been reduced.

Their discontent is diffuse rather than focused on a specific issue. But when these doubting Thomases, looking for security and stability, for a sense of purpose and a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel, ask "Will Labour do any better?" it is mostly economic policy they have in mind.

That is not only because on most other issues they are at least half-prepared to accept Labour's alternatives — to get out of Lebanon as quickly as possible, to stop settlements at least in the areas densely populated by Arabs, to strive for an accommodation with the Palestinians, through Hussein or otherwise, and so forth.

If economic policy is going to be more dominant in this campaign than in any of the nine we have had since the second Knesset it is also not — or at least not only — because it is in the economic sphere that the failures of the Likud governments have been most glaring and the debacle most recent, and because in that area misgovernment is brought into every home. It is also because for the first time in Israel's history, it has become clear that economic policy cannot be kept in a separate box, unrelated to foreign policy and defence.

For the first time, it is becoming realized that anyone who wants to see a change in the way our economy is run must also accept a different course in all the other important areas of national policy. A thorough reordering of national priorities is a precondition for a change in economic policy that goes beyond fiddling around with the technicalities of economic management.

It is Labour's merit that it has lately made it clearer than before that foreign and defence policy are not given constraints, to which economic policy must accommodate itself. It has almost reached the opposite stand — that foreign policy and defence have a cost that cannot exceed the country's economic resources.

Still, when people ask "Has Labour got an alternative?" the question reveals that the party has not yet clarified the novel concept of the unity of national policy in all areas either to itself or to the electorate. Hence the doubt that it has a real alternative to offer. Hence the question: Who speaks for Labour on economic policy and who will be the personality who, as finance minister, will have the bedside manner that will make people swallow the unpalatable medicines everybody feels he will have to dispense?

THE CALL for a leader is always heard when there is no clear programme. We already have an ex-

ample of that in Ezer Weizman's still unformed new party, in which leadership and a leadership team is the only plank in a non-existent programme.

If Labour had a clear programme (there is, we are told, a team working on it, but we don't know who the team is, except that it is headed by Gad Ya'acobi), there would be no need for a "charismatic" shadow finance minister. After all, which of the finance ministers we have had so far was blessed with charisma, or even obvious qualifications for the job when he first took office?

The personality of the finance minister: Labour will appoint if returned to power is really unimportant. It can hardly do any worse than the Likud, and will have no difficulty in matching such towering figures as the late Simha Ehrlich, Yigael Hurvitz, Yoram Aridor or Yigal Cohen-Orgad.

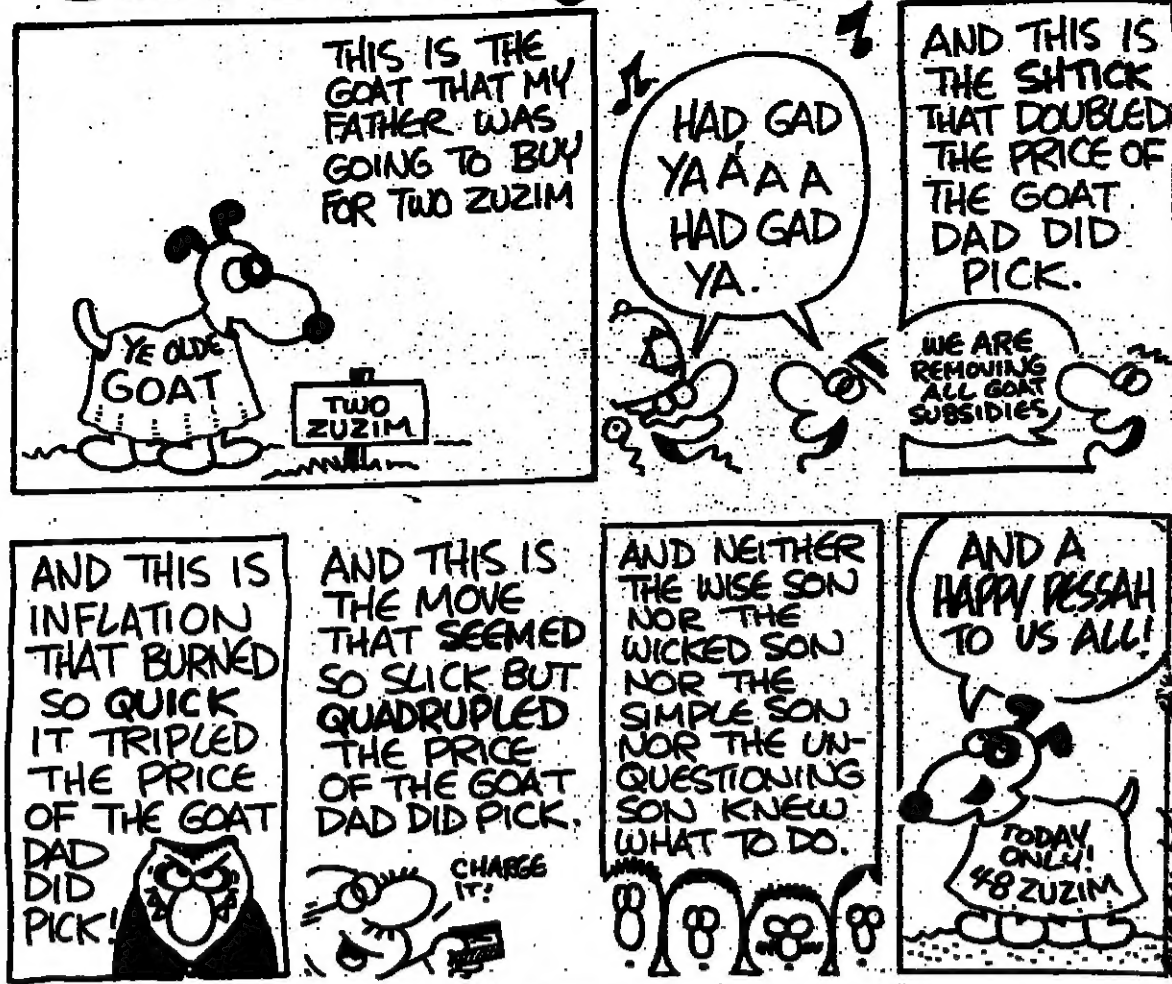
What is important is whether it will, within the next few weeks, come up with a programme that is more than a compendium of desirable goals to which no one can object any more than he can to universal brotherhood, and more than prescriptions for better management which most people don't understand, and therefore tend to fear. What one would wish for is a programme of vision and audacity, in which the admittedly important technicalities are subordinated to a clearly defined set of national priorities in the broadest sense.

So far, Labour spokesmen have given us a glimpse of some of the trees without a view of the wood. Some of the trees are stunted and we have had plenty of dark hints that the wood is full of brambles and thorns. Nevertheless, it is possible to speculate on what Labour's alternative could be. For that, one must briefly recapitulate what problems it would have to solve — immediately and in the longer run.

PROBLEM number one that must be solved, immediately and as a precondition for all else, is the restoration of stability. The Yom Kippur War and the oil crisis bequeathed us high inflation and economic stagnation. Under the Likud government, each finance minister managed to double the rate of inflation inherited from his predecessor. The exception was Yoram Aridor, who repressed inflation and ran the balance of payments into the ground. Output continued to stagnate. Consumption, public and private, went up. Uncertainty, instability, insecurity increased.

To restore stability, Labour may opt for a Yigael Hurvitz type of policy, which is not essentially different from Cohen-Orgad's policy. The only difference is that while both have failed even by the criteria of their own objectives, Labour will do "better" and push through the starvation cures that the former could not. Many, if not most, of the undecided voters will be ready to credit Labour with the ability to manage more effectively, and re-

The Friday Dry Bones



cent polls confirm that.

But will an inflation of 400 per cent per annum be brought down by cutting government spending — including what can be saved by getting out of Lebanon and putting up no new settlements near Nabulus? Will the engineering of a recession, which Hurvitz and Cohen-Orgad tried and failed to accomplish, and trust in the self-healing properties of the market mechanism, restore stability and growth? Not very likely, particularly not in an economy in which the "market forces" are not at all anonymous, but bear the names of about a hundred dominant firms.

The Labour Party pins its hopes on a social accord, a package deal in which prices, wages and taxes will be frozen. Labour has a better chance of achieving such an accord than the Likud because it can rely on the support of the Histadrut and probably also, on balance, on more cooperation from the industrialists. But a mechanism that might have been workable temporarily when inflation stood at 100 per cent a year is put out of action by an inflation of 400 per cent. Any of the prospective parties to such a deal stands too much to lose from a freeze to accept it.

Moreover, where prices are concerned, experience has proven that if controls imposed by law are difficult to implement and inefficient if maintained for too long, then the price freezes of a voluntary package deal are little more than a sham — a pretext for freezing wages and taxes.

But even assuming that Labour would wave a magic wand and, by cutting public spending, reaching a package deal, and sending the economy into the recession Cohen-Orgad wanted and did not achieve, would that put the economy on a growth path again? Aside from pious belief in the self-healing powers of the market mechanism, there is nothing to promise such a result.

Labour might, alternatively,

come around to the realization that with inflation running at 400 per cent a year there are only two ways out. One is to let the process go on until it breaks down by itself, with catastrophic results for large segments of the public. That is obviously no electoral programme. The other is to accept the heresy of administrative intervention and to rely, not on voluntary restraints that won't work at all, but on price and wage controls imposed by law. They are unpalatable and inefficient in the longer run, but are the best second-best one can think of if the inflationary spiral is to be wound down.

PROBLEM number two is that of the balance of payments, where the solution must really be concurrent with that of inflation. Again, Labour may put its trust in muddling through, with some subsidies here and some grants there to boost exports, and some restrictions and imports on the other side of the balance sheet. And again, when it comes to muddling through, Labour will probably do better than the Likud. But that is no longer enough. Our economy is facing an external payments crisis, and it is no good pretending that we have time for all kinds of gradualist measures to take effect.

In a crisis, even social democrats, who want to preserve, not to overturn, the capitalist system by improving upon it, must do what even countries more staunchly committed to capitalism have done. They must take emergency measures — and that means the reinstitution of currency controls; administrative and fiscal restrictions on imports; subsidies to exports; and a whole range of corollary measures, from reintroduction of multiple exchange rates through a

sweeping tax reform and a reform of the wage structure to — in the last resort, in order to get growth going again — the assumption by the government of the role of investor. All of these go against the grain of liberal ideology. One must readily grant that none of the policies needed can work efficiently for long. The market mechanism, with all its deficiencies, is better and much more comfortable. And, with the proper arbitrating role of a government that sees economic policy as social policy, it can also be made more humane. But when crisis is imminent, if not already present, economic liberalism must yield to economic necessities.

One doubts that Labour will make any drastic departure from its accustomed way of muddling through by improvisation. If it doesn't, it will lay itself open to the charge that all it has to offer is to do much the same thing, only better. Some people will buy that, but perhaps not enough to give Labour its chance. The alternative, a policy designed to cope with crisis, may appear draconian to many. When the late Ya'acov Levinson presented a programme along those lines at a time when the economy was not in as critical a state as now it frightened many in his own party out of their wits.

All the signs point to Labour's going on lulling people into believing that, while it cannot promise any rose gardens, it will also do nothing drastic. If it does that, it may still win the elections; but the discontent that returns it to power will soon turn upon Labour itself, hamstringing it even in the cautious steps it seems to be wanting to take in a new direction.

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Slightly better was a letter from my brother posted in England on March 14, informing me of his impending arrival in Israel. Needless to say, he was already here when it arrived.

Apart from the annoyance at two missed opportunities to meet friends, I fail to understand how a letter posted in England gets to Jerusalem a week earlier than one posted in Rehovot.

Jerusalem. M.J. PHILIPS

OLD FRIENDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In 1945-46, my friend, Liv Bugge (of Norway) and I, Jean Sherriff (of Scotland), were welfare officers attached to UNRRA in Camp Bindermichl, Austria. For many years, we have been thinking of visiting Israel and that now seems possible, as we have both retired.

We would be glad to hear of any friends from the camp who remember us and are now in Israel, with a view to seeing them when we get there. We can be contacted by writing to me at 34 Pentland Terrace, Edinburgh, Scotland. JEAN SHERRIFF
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URGENT APPEAL

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Chief Rabbi of Israel, Jerusalem

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I wish to add my fervent appeal

In these few lines I wish to add my voice to the appeal for the head of a distinguished family with underage children, who has been stricken with a severe illness. This man is bedridden and unable to provide for his large family, in addition to the heavy outlay required for his medical treatment.

I therefore call upon my fellow Jews to assist the family in this difficult situation, in particular since the doctors have ordered the patient to change his present flat for a more appropriate one if he is to improve his physical condition.

All who lend a hand in this mitzva will surely receive the blessings of the Almighty and prosper in all their endeavours.

With our greetings,
Avraham Shapira
Chief Rabbi of Israel

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